

PRIMARY
Bible Learner



June, July, August 2013

SUMMER QUARTER

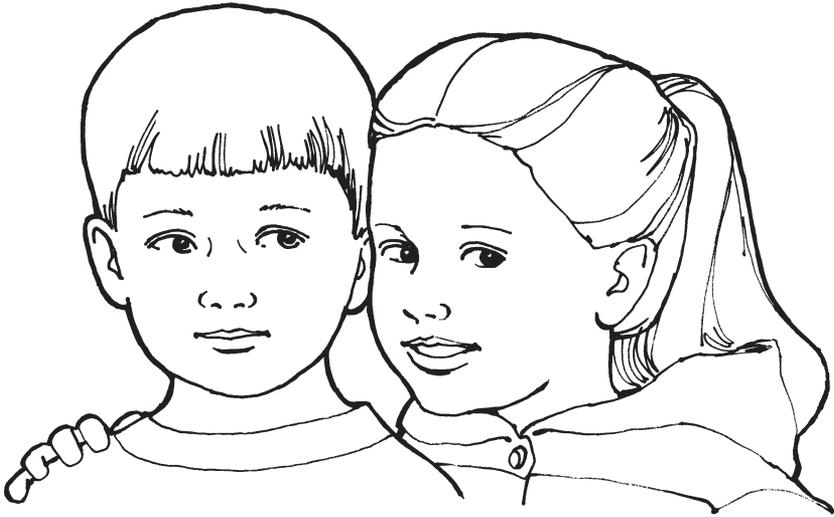


COVER:

Racoon at Magee Marsh, Ohio

COVER CREDIT:

Mitzi Smetters



Primary Bible Learner

SUMMER QUARTER

Vol. LXXXII

June, July, August 2013

No. 3

Editor in Chief: Grace M. Todd

Writer: Linda Beach

Edited and published quarterly by
**THE INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE
GOSPEL WORKER SOCIETY
UNION GOSPEL PRESS DIVISION**

Rev. W. B. Musselman, Founder

Beryl C. Bidlen, President Emeritus

Price: \$1.75 per quarter
\$7.00 per year

ISBN 978-1-936897-52-0



Lessons based on International Sunday School Lessons; the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching, copyright © 2009 by the Committee on the Uniform Series and used with permission. Edited and published quarterly by The Incorporated Trustees of the Gospel Worker Society, Union Gospel Press Division, 2000 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44109-5812. Mailing address: P.O. Box 6059, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-1059. www.uniongospelpress.com

“Fear God, and give glory to him; . . . and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters” (Revelation 14:7).

Cleveland, Ohio
Summer 2013

Dear Boys and Girls,

This summer we are going to learn about three men in the Bible who had great faith. Their names are Isaiah, Ezra, and Nehemiah.

Isaiah was very sad because the king had just died. When he went to the temple to pray, he saw God in a vision and heard God ask, “Who will go for us?” (Isaiah 6:8). That day Isaiah’s sins were forgiven, and he became a prophet for God.

Ezra wanted to go back to his homeland, so he prayed that God would make a way for him to go. God did make a way! The king sent Ezra home, and he became a priest in the new temple in Jerusalem.

After Ezra left for Judah, Nehemiah prayed that someone would rebuild the wall in Jerusalem. God wanted Nehemiah to do that job! Soon he was back in Jerusalem with Ezra.

I hope you will see that like these great men, you can trust God with your life. Jesus has a job for you to do too. Today He is building His kingdom. You can help Him by sharing God’s love and living a Christian life. But do not forget that before you can do anything for Jesus, you must pray. God works in our lives when we pray.

Praying for you,
Linda Beach

You Are Important!

Brandon turned the alarm off. “Time to get up for church,” he said. As he lay back on his pillow, he heard two voices in his head. One said, *Get up! Time to go to church.* The other said, *Why should you go? Your parents are not going.*

“No one will miss me,” he mumbled aloud. “Besides, I never do anything. I just show up.” He pulled the pillow over his head and went back to sleep.

Later that week, Brandon stumbled over a tree root and broke his little toe. When the doorbell rang on Saturday, he hobbled to the door.

“Oh, hi, Mr. Carter,” he greeted his Sunday school teacher. “Come in.”

“I see you’re limping, Brandon. Is that why you were not in class Sunday?”

“No,” answered Brandon. “I broke my toe on Tuesday. I wasn’t in class because—well—I thought no one would miss me.”

Mr. Carter shook his head. “Not so, Brandon! We missed you. You’re important to me and the class and especially to the Lord. He missed you too.”

He pointed to Brandon’s foot and asked, “When you broke your little toe, did it bother just your toe, or did it affect your whole body?”

“Oh!” Brandon exclaimed. “It hurt so bad that I just lay around the rest of the evening.”

“So it is with the body of Christ, the church,” Mr. Carter explained. “Every member is important—even those who think of themselves as the ‘little toe.’ When one member hurts, we all hurt.”

Are You a “Sometimey” Friend?

Cayla hung up the phone as her mother came in from work. “Kerri and I are trying to figure out what to do about Samantha,” she told her mother.

“When she wants help with her homework, she calls one of us. But when she has something fun to do, she calls someone else. She is being a ‘sometimey’ friend!”

As Cayla climbed into bed that night, her mother appeared at the door. “Have you prayed and read your Bible yet?” she asked.

Cayla yawned and glanced at the clock. “No,” she said. “I’m too tired tonight. I can do that tomorrow morning before school.”

Her mother wanted to talk to her about her attitude, but instead she just tucked Cayla in and kissed her good night.

The next morning, Cayla’s alarm did not go off. Mom went upstairs to wake her. Cayla jumped out of bed and hurried to find her clothes and brush her teeth. As she ran down the stairs to eat breakfast, she missed the bottom step and turned her ankle.

“Mom!” she wailed. “My ankle!” Cayla’s mother found her lying at the bottom of the steps. She was holding her ankle and praying, “God, please take this pain away and make my ankle better!”

Her mother ran to the kitchen to grab an ice pack. But even after using the ice pack, Cayla still was not able to walk. So her mother let her stay home from school.

While Mom was fluffing up a pillow for Cayla’s back and covering her with a blanket, she said, “This re-



minds me of the problem you have with your friend Samantha. What was it you called her—a ‘sometimey’ friend? Is that how you and Kerri feel about Samantha?”

Cayla sighed. “She makes us feel bad. Both of us are really upset with her. Real friends should be friends *all* the time, not just when they want something!”

“I heard you asking God to touch your ankle this morning,” Mom said, “but last night you were too tired to spend any time with Him.”

With a smile, Cayla’s mother went on. “Honey, do you think it’s possible that you are a ‘sometimey’ friend when it comes to God?”



Holy, Holy, Holy

LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8

GOLDEN TEXT—“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory” (Isaiah 6:3).

OUR LESSON TALK

Isaiah’s hero was King Uzziah. Then one day the king became very ill and died. Isaiah felt as if his world had just fallen apart.

As Isaiah prayed in the temple, he had a vision of God’s throne room. He could not see God’s face. All he could see was a throne and God’s robe filling the whole room.

Around the throne, angels flew back and forth, shouting, “Holy, holy, holy.”

As Isaiah felt the presence of God, he knew that he was a sinful man and lived in a world filled with sinful people. He cried out to God, and he was forgiven.

We too are sinful, and we live in a world filled with sin. That is why Jesus took our sins on the cross and died for us—so that God could forgive us.

Have you asked Jesus to forgive your sins and to make you a Christian? If not, it is very important to do so today.

Why not ask your teacher or your parents to pray with you?

SOMETHING TO DO

Fill in the blanks in the story of Isaiah in the temple.

1 _____ 2 _____

_____ 4 _____

3 _____

Isaiah went to the (1 across) to (2 down). In a vision he saw God's (1 down) and His (3 across) filling the temple. He heard (4 across) shouting.

Circle the best ending for each sentence.

When Isaiah felt the presence of God, he (cried out to God, ran out of the temple). As Isaiah cried out to God, (he was lost, he was forgiven). Like Isaiah, we (are sinful, are prophets). We can be forgiven because Jesus (came to earth, died for us).

Cross out all the words that you do not find in Our Lesson Talk.

shook	race	hero	widow	angels
temple	pray	shouted	building	Spirit
Jesus	sheep	Levi	Uzziah	cross

Fill in the words to find a prayer that we may pray so that we can receive Jesus as our Saviour.

Jesus, please forgive me for my _____, and _____ me a _____.



Give Praise and Thanks

LESSON: Isaiah 12:1-6

GOLDEN TEXT—“Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people” (Isaiah 12:4).

OUR LESSON TALK

After the angel touched Isaiah’s lips to show him that God had forgiven him, Isaiah heard the voice of God. God said, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” (Isaiah 6:8).

Isaiah replied, “Here I am. Send me!” He gave his life fully to God that day. From then on, Isaiah preached to people at the temple and on the streets.

He warned them that God was angry because they were praying to idols (false gods). “But,” he said, “God will not stay angry forever. He will send you a King who will be your strength, your song, and your salvation.”

Isaiah did not know the name of the King who would come, but we know that he was talking about Jesus. Jesus wants to be your strength to do what is right. Jesus wants to be your song. He gives us joy, and we sing songs about Him. We should sing to Him as well.

Jesus also wants to be your salvation. When you asked Jesus to be your Saviour, He rescued you from Satan.

SOMETHING TO DO

Unscramble the words, and write them on the lines.

Isaiah heard God ask, “Whom shall I NESD _____, and OWH _____ will go for us?” Isaiah cried, “REHE _____ am I; send me” (Isaiah 6:8).
Isaiah VEAG _____ his EFLI _____ fully to God that day.

Draw a line to the ending that makes each sentence true.

1. God was angry _____ them a King.
2. God would not stay _____ is Jesus.
3. God promised to send _____ because they prayed to idols.
4. The name of the King _____ angry forever.

Use the code to read the sentence below.

1 = A 2 = E 3 = I 4 = O 5 = U

J2s5s w1nts t4 b2 45r str2ngth,

45r s4ng, 1nd 45r s1lv1t34n

_____.

Find the missing words in Our Lesson Talk.

Jesus wants to be your _____ to do what is _____. When we sing songs about _____, it is because He gives us _____.
When you _____ Jesus to be your _____, He rescued you from _____.



Worship with All Your Heart

LESSON: Isaiah 29:9-16

GOLDEN TEXT—“This people draw near me with their mouth, . . . but have removed their heart far from me” (Isaiah 29:13).

OUR LESSON TALK

Isaiah told the people of Israel that they were like a piece of clay in the hands of God. God wanted to make them into something beautiful, but they would not let Him.

Isaiah told them that they only pretended to love God. When they worshipped, they did not listen to God or obey Him. They had a choice to make. If they loved and obeyed God, He would bless them with good things. If they disobeyed, they were headed for trouble.

You are a lump of clay in God’s hands too. He wants to make your life beautiful and blessed. But you have a choice to make. You can ignore God and do things your way, or you can listen to God and seek Him with your whole heart.

Here are some ways to seek God: (1) Pray every day. (2) Listen to Christian music and stories. (3) Listen to your Sunday school teachers, and do what God says.

God does not expect you to be perfect. He just wants you to spend time with Him and love Him.

SOMETHING TO DO

Cross out every X and Z. Then print the letters that are left over in the blanks. What were the people of Israel like?

X A Z Z P X I Z X Z E Z C Z X E Z O X X F Z C X X L Z
A X Y X I X N X G O Z X Z Z D Z S H Z X A X X N X D S

_____, _____
_____, _____

Draw lines to find the words that tell what the Jews of Isaiah's day did when they went to the temple.

They did not listen to God or obey Him.

Read these sentences, and circle the ones that tell you how to seek God with your whole heart.

1. Pray every day.
2. Ignore God, and do things your way.
3. Disobey the Ten Commandments.
4. Listen to Christian music and stories.
5. Listen to your Sunday school teachers.
6. Pretend to love God.

Circle these words in the puzzle. They tell you what God will do with your life if you love and obey Him.

GOD WILL MAKE YOUR LIFE
INTO SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL

S L I F E T R S S A B E F G O D O V E R T F
S T Y W I L L R M R T V M A K E F T Y S T R
T H B E A U T I F U L U R O T Y O U R M S T
M U S O M E T H I N G V R S F O M I N T O R



All Things New

LESSON: Isaiah 65:17-21,
23-25

GOLDEN TEXT—“Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered” (Isaiah 65:17).

OUR LESSON TALK

The Jews did not always follow God. They often followed the crowd and worshipped idols, just as their neighbors did. Because they made bad choices, they lost their land and were carried away to the country of Babylon.

But God still had a wonderful promise for His children. Isaiah told them that because God was loving and forgiving, one day they would live in a wonderful new world.

This promise is not just for the Jews. It is for all of us who have asked Jesus to be our Saviour. Just think! On the new earth there will be no sadness, tears, sickness, death, sin, or the devil.

We will enjoy living so close to Jesus that we will see Him and walk side by side with Him. This new world will be even more beautiful than the world we live in now. It will be a world where even snakes are friendly!

We will have joy, peace, blessings, and even a house built for us by Jesus Himself. Best of all, no one will ever die again. We will live there forever!

SOMETHING TO DO

Write the words on the blanks in the right order.

God follow always The not Jews did _____

lost were They and land away their carried _____

Draw two lines under the right word or words.

1. But God still had a wonderful (promise) (prayer).
2. Because God was loving and (strong) (forgiving), one day they would live in a wonderful new world.
3. This promise is also for all of us who have (asked Jesus to be our Saviour) (tried to be good).

Unscramble these words from Our Lesson Talk. They will tell you what you will *not* find in the new world.

LIVED _____

TEAHD _____

NSI _____

RSAET _____

ICKSNESS _____

Circle the phrases that may finish this sentence.

One day we will live in a brand-new world where

we will see God

we will still sin

there is no sin

everything is beautiful

there is no sickness

there will be wars

people still die

we will have joy

there is no devil

there are no flowers

we will be sad

there are no tears



A Joyous Return

LESSON: Ezra 3:1-7

GOLDEN TEXT—“They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as it is written” (Ezra 3:4).

OUR LESSON TALK

The Israelites did not listen to Isaiah. They kept worshipping their neighbors’ false gods. They got so far away from God that He would no longer protect them, and their enemies carried them away.

Then one day God worked a miracle. He told King Cyrus to send the Jews back to their land to rebuild the temple. When they were home again, the first thing they did was get out the scrolls and read God’s Word. This time they wanted to do everything God told them to do.

Because they decided to obey God’s Word, God sent good things their way. God brought them back to their homeland, where they could live in freedom. They would be able to worship God in their temple once again. They were so filled with joy that they celebrated for seven days.

Most people think that having their own way and buying lots of things will make them happy. But the Jews learned that happiness comes from obeying God’s Word. If you obey God’s Word, your life will be filled with joy too.

SOMETHING TO DO

Cross out the words that start with *W* to find out whom God used to take the Jews back to their homeland.

WHAT WAY GOD WINDOW WACKY
USED WHY WIPE WHEN KING WAS
WHERE CYRUS WOW WISH WAX

Letters were left out of many of the words in the sentences below. Put the missing letters in the blanks. You will find the words in Our Lesson Talk.

Th__ f__rst th__ng th__y d__d w__s g__t
o__t th__ scr__lls and r__ad G__d's W__rd.
Th__s t__me they w__nted t__ d__ ev__ry-
th__ng G__d t__ld th__m.

Choose the best ending for each sentence, and write its letter on the line.

- Because the Jews decided to obey,
___ God sent A. back to their homeland.
___ God brought them B. God in their temple.
___ they could live in C. good things their way.
___ they would be D. freedom.
___ able to worship

Circle the phrases that are in Our Lesson Talk.

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Most people think | will make them happy |
| happiness comes | obeying God's Word |
| the Jews learned | If you obey |
| filled with joy | their own way |



Celebrating a New Beginning

LESSON: Ezra 3:8-13

GOLDEN TEXT—“All the people shouted with a great shout, . . . because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid” (Ezra 3:11).

OUR LESSON TALK

When they were in Jerusalem, the Jews loved going to the temple to worship. But they had been living in a land where the people worshipped false gods. The children had never even seen the Jewish temple.

So when it was time to rebuild the temple, everyone was excited. When they had finished laying the first rows of stones for the foundation, they stopped and called everyone to a celebration! Many of the older men who could remember the first temple they had lost cried.

The older men cried because the new foundation was not nearly as great as the original one. The younger people cheered because they had not seen the first temple. But probably all of them thanked God.

What about you? Do you ever complain about going to church? It is easy to get in the habit of going to church and forget what a blessing it is. Having the freedom to go to the church of our choice and worship the Lord any way we want is a gift from God.

SOMETHING TO DO

Number these sentences in the right order. Number 1 has been done for you.

- ___ They celebrated the new foundation.
- ___ King Cyrus sent them back to their homeland.
- ___ The Jews lived in Babylon for a long time.
- ___ They rebuilt the foundation for the temple.
- 1 The Jews were carried away to Babylon.

Print the backward words on the lines correctly.

Everyone loved going to (PIHSROW) _____
God. Even the children loved it. In (NOLYBAB)
_____ there was no Jewish temple, so the
children had (REVEN) _____ seen it. After they
had finished the first (SWOR) _____ of stones,
they stopped for a celebration.

Fill in the blanks. Then find the words in the puzzle.

It is easy to forget what a _____ it is to go
to _____. Having the freedom to _____
is a _____ from God.

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

Find words in Our Lesson Talk that begin with these letters. Write them on the lines.

J _____
E _____
W _____
S _____



A New Worship Place

LESSON: Ezra 6:13-22

GOLDEN TEXT—“The children of Israel, . . . kept the dedication of this house of God with joy” (Ezra 6:16).

OUR LESSON TALK

It was not easy for the Jews to rebuild the temple. Many of their neighbors did not want them to live in Judah. They even talked the king into stopping the project.

The Jews could have been angry and started a war, but instead they went to the prophets for help. Haggai and Zechariah told them to keep building and to trust God to work out the problem.

As they worked and prayed, God caused a miracle. He placed a new king on the throne who let the Jews finish the temple. They were so thankful to God that they gave Him a huge offering.

Meanwhile, some of their neighbors began to believe in the God of Israel. When they saw how much the Jews trusted in their God, they wanted to know Him too. Those neighbors decided to stop worshipping idols and to worship the Jewish God.

People are watching you all the time. When they see you trusting in God, they will want to know Jesus too.

SOMETHING TO DO

When their neighbors tried to stop them from building the temple, the Jews had to make a choice. If the sentence is a good choice, write **GOOD**. If it is a bad choice, write **BAD**.

- _____ The Jews got angry with their neighbors.
- _____ They asked the prophets what to do.
- _____ They gave up building the temple.
- _____ They kept building the temple.
- _____ They trusted God to work out the problem.

Use the code to find out what God did for them.

1 = A 2 = E 3 = I 4 = O 5 = U

G4d c15s2d 1 m3r1cl2 H2 pl1c2d 1

n2w k3ng 4n th2 thr4n2 wh4 l2t th2

J2ws f3n3sh

Cross out the words with a **C** or an **F** in them. Write the words that are left on the lines.

WHEN CAN THEY CAT SEE FAN YOU
CRY FEEL TRUSTING ACE IN GOD,
THEY FAR WILL FAIR FAN WANT FOUND
TO KNOW ACT CRY JESUS TOO

WHEN



Fasting and Praying

LESSON: Ezra 8:21-23, 31-32

GOLDEN TEXT—“So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was entreated of us” (Ezra 8:23).

OUR LESSON TALK

Ezra had taught the Scriptures in Babylon for many years. When he heard that the Jewish temple had been rebuilt, he wanted to teach in Jerusalem.

As Ezra prayed, God worked a miracle. The king sent Ezra and a large group of Jews to Jerusalem. The king also sent a huge offering of silver and gold for God.

Ezra knew that there were robbers in the hills. With thousands of pounds of gold, travel was going to be dangerous. So before they started their journey, Ezra called his group together to fast and pray.

Ezra could have asked the king to send an army to protect them from robbers, but he decided to show the king that Israel’s God would protect them. And that is just what He did!

What do you do when you have a problem that is too big for you? Ezra would tell you to pray and trust God to work out your problem. Then he would tell you to remember to praise God.

SOMETHING TO DO

Circle the underlined words in Our Lesson Talk.

Ezra had taught the Scriptures in Babylon for many years. When he heard that the Jewish temple had been rebuilt, he wanted to teach in Jerusalem. As Ezra prayed, God worked a miracle.

If God did this for Ezra, write EZRA on the line.

- _____ God sent manna in the desert.
_____ God caused the king to send Ezra to Jerusalem.
_____ God protected Ezra's group.
_____ God gave Ezra the Ten Commandments.
_____ God made the king give Ezra an offering.

What words in the golden text mean almost the same as these words?

- GO WITHOUT FOOD _____
PRAY _____
ANSWERED PRAYER _____

Solve the mystery. Draw a line to the right person.

- I will trust God with my problems. EZRA
I taught in Babylon for many years.
I made the king give Ezra an offering.
I wanted the king to know that God would ME
protect us.
I will praise God when He helps me.
I protected Ezra's group. GOD



Gifts for the Temple

LESSON: Ezra 8:24-30

GOLDEN TEXT—“Ye are holy unto the Lord” (Ezra 8:28).

OUR LESSON TALK

When the king gave Ezra treasures of gold and silver as an offering for God, Ezra knew he was going to need help. So Ezra chose a special group of men from the royal family to guard the treasure.

Before they left, Ezra prayed over the men so that they would not only guard the treasure well but also bless the priests and Levites in Jerusalem by delivering it to them.

You are like that special group of men. When you trusted Jesus, you received God’s treasure chest—Jesus. Jesus brought with Him His own special treasures that you can share with others.

Two of these are love and mercy. God wants you to share His love by being kind and helpful. You can share His mercy by being quick to forgive others and by not holding grudges.

This week you will have many opportunities to share these treasures with others. Keep your eyes open! God will show you how He wants you to be a blessing.

SOMETHING TO DO

Write the letters that have lines under them on the line below. Draw a line between each word to find out what was in the treasure box that the king gave Ezra.

GOD OWN FILLED NEEDED
EZRA MEN KIND SHARE SILVER
HELP LIVE MERCY FORGIVE

Use the code to learn about Ezra's special helpers.

S E C A B Y O T R I L P U N G
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

Ezra chose a 1-12-2-3-10-4-11 _____
group of men from the 9-7-6-4-11 _____ fam-
ily to guard the 8-9-2-4-1-13-9-2 _____.

Find the right words in Our Lesson Talk.

_____ are like that special group of men. When you
_____ in _____, you received God's
treasure _____—Jesus! Jesus has some spe-
cial treasures that you can _____ with others.

These are the treasures that Jesus gives you to share with others. Find these words in the puzzle, and circle them.

LOVE MERCY KINDNESS
HELPLEFULNESS FORGIVENESS

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



The Festival of Booths

LESSON: Nehemiah 8:13-18

GOLDEN TEXT—“All the congregation . . . made booths, and sat under the booths: . . . And there was very great gladness” (Nehemiah 8:17).

OUR LESSON TALK

When Ezra arrived in Jerusalem, he began reading the scrolls to find out what God wanted His people to do. In them he discovered the Festival of Booths, which the Jews had not celebrated since they were carried off to Babylon. In fact, this group of Jews had never even heard of the Festival of Booths.

The children loved this holiday because each family built a booth out of tree branches on the roof of their house. For seven days they camped out, eating meals and sleeping in the booths.

During that week, Ezra read the stories of Moses to the people to remind them how God had led the Jews out of Egypt and through the desert. They learned about how God had given them water from a rock and manna in the desert.

Ezra wanted the Jews to be thankful and to remember that God would always be with them. This is a good week for you to take time to be thankful too.

SOMETHING TO DO

These sentences are written backward. Write the words on the lines in the right order.

do to people His wanted God what out find to scrolls
the read Ezra

Booths of Festival the celebrate to them wanted God

Put *T* in front of the true statements. Put *F* in front of the false ones.

- ___ The Jews knew all about the Festival of Booths.
- ___ Most of them had never celebrated the festival.
- ___ They built booths on the roofs of their houses.
- ___ They only slept in them on the Sabbath Day.
- ___ They ate meals and slept in the booths.

Circle the words that you find in Our Lesson Talk.

RAID MOSES LAND SHEEP EGYPT
JESUS DESERT WATER KING MANNA
EZRA COMPUTER STORIES CALL ROCK
SUNDAY THANKFUL GOD BIBLE CLOUD
MANGER REMEMBER EVIL HEROD ALWAYS

Fill in the blanks with words from Our Lesson Talk.

Ezra read the stories of Moses to the people to remind them how _____ had led the Jews out of Egypt. He wanted the Jews to be _____ and to _____ that God would always be with them.



Confessing Sins Together

LESSON: Nehemiah 9:2, 6-7,
9-10, 30-36

GOLDEN TEXT—“Thou art just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly” (Nehemiah 9:33).

OUR LESSON TALK

Ezra was glad that the Jews no longer wanted to go along with the crowd and worship idols. With all their heart they wanted to trust in God, not in idols, for protection.

The Jews knew that they had grown up in Babylon because their grandparents had worshipped idols. So when they gathered outside the temple to confess their own sins, they confessed the sins of their grandparents too.

They listened carefully to Ezra as he prayed, asking that God would see the people’s needy condition and help them.

God knows that we cannot live sinless lives. That is why He sent Jesus to die for us. First John 1:9 says, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Every time we do something that is not pleasing to God, we can pray, “Jesus, forgive me, and take away my sin.” God is always listening, and He is always happy to forgive us because Jesus died for that sin.

SOMETHING TO DO

Write GOD in front of things that God did and JEWS in front of the things that the Jews did.

- _____ asked to have sins forgiven
- _____ wanted to trust in God, not idols
- _____ forgave sins
- _____ heard prayers
- _____ asked to have grandparents' sins forgiven

Unscramble these words from I John 1:9.

If we NCOSEFS _____ our sins, God is faithful and STJU _____ to forgive us and to NSEAELC _____ us.

Cross out each X and K. Print the other letters on the lines. Then draw a line between each word to make a sentence.

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

Write the answers to these questions on the lines.

What did the Jews make up their minds *not* to do?
w _____ i _____

What did the Jews make up their minds *to* do?
c _____ t _____ s _____



A Joyful Time of Worship

LESSON: Nehemiah 12:27-36,
38, 43

GOLDEN TEXT—“That day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy” (Nehemiah 12:43).

OUR LESSON TALK

Nehemiah became a builder for God. When he heard that the wall around Jerusalem was in ruins, he prayed that someone would rebuild it. God chose Nehemiah!

As Nehemiah walked along the broken-down wall, he prayed that God would give him a plan. God told Nehemiah to ask each family to rebuild the part of the wall that was near their house. So everyone—fathers, mothers, boys, and girls—had a part in helping Nehemiah.

When the wall was finished, the people had a great celebration. Even the children joined in, for they had helped their families rebuild God’s wall.

Today God wants us to help Him build His kingdom. Everyone has a part—fathers, mothers, boys, and girls. Here are four things that you can do to help God: (1) Show up at church every week. (2) Pray for your church. (3) Volunteer to help. (4) Show God’s love by doing what Jesus would do. Have you done these things yet? Today is a good day to begin helping God.

SOMETHING TO DO

Can you put these letters in the right places? You will use some letters more than once.

e u f v l m c t a o

N__h__mi__h w__s a b__i__d__r __or
God. H__ pr__y__d th__t God w__u__d
giv__ hi__ a p__an for building the w__ll.
God's plan w__s for the f__milies to do the
w__rk.

Circle those who helped Nehemiah rebuild the wall.

Moses children fathers neighbors
families the king Abraham priests

Fill in the blanks to find out what God wants us to do to help Him. Find the words in Our Lesson Talk.

T_____ God w_____ us to help Him build His
k_____. Everyone has a p_____—
fathers, mothers, b_____, and g_____.

If this is something you can do to help God build His kingdom, print YES. If not, print NO.

- _____ Watch TV all day.
- _____ Pray for your church.
- _____ Show God's love.
- _____ Whine and complain.

Here is a message for you. Draw lines between words to read it.

TodayisagoooddaytobeginhelpingGod.



Keep the Lord's Day Holy

LESSON: Nehemiah 13:15-22

GOLDEN TEXT—"I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, . . . to sanctify the sabbath day" (Nehemiah 13:22).

OUR LESSON TALK

When the Jews began to listen to Ezra read God's Word, they heard the Ten Commandments. One of the commandments was to keep the Sabbath Day holy.

They did not know how to keep the Sabbath Day holy. When Nehemiah saw them working in the fields and selling food in the market, he was shocked. He asked the religious leaders why they allowed the people to work on the Sabbath instead of keeping it as a special day of worship.

With Nehemiah's help, they closed the market on the Sabbath and taught the people to gather for worship and then rest at home with their families.

Today our day of worship is not Saturday, as it was for the Jews. Our day of worship is Sunday, because that is the day Jesus rose from the grave. God is pleased when we make it special by resting from our work and going to church to worship the Lord. God knows that you need a day off from school in order to rest.

SOMETHING TO DO

Use some of these words to finish the sentence.

work Jews Nehemiah listen Ten Jesus
shocked Commandments Word lands

When the _____ began to _____ to Ezra
read God's _____, they heard the _____
_____.

Find out what the secret sentence says. The numbers will tell you what letters to write on the lines.

1 = A 2 = E 3 = I 4 = O 5 = U

4n2 _____ of the commandments w1s _____
t4 _____ k22p _____ th2 _____ S1bb1th
_____ D1y _____ h4ly _____.

Number these sentences in the right order. Number 1 has been done for you.

- ___ They taught the Jews to worship on the Sabbath.
- ___ He asked the leaders why they had allowed the people to work on the Sabbath.
- 1 Nehemiah was shocked.
- ___ Nehemiah closed the market.

This sentence contains scrambled words. Unscramble the words, and write them on the lines to complete the sentence.

Our day of PIHWORS _____ is on NUSDYA
_____ because HATT _____ is the YAD
_____ Jesus SORE _____ from the VEGAR
_____.



Good to Be Home

In the spring our father told us that we were going home. “Home? Where is home?” we asked. He described a beautiful city, a strong wall, and a huge temple. He said all of us would worship God there once again. He told us that because our grandparents worshipped idols, God no longer kept them safe. They were carried away.

Well, here we are. There is no wall, and I do not see a temple. But I am so excited because we are *free!* We are free to live where we want and free to praise God anywhere we want! It is so good to be home.



“If
we walk
in the
light,
as he is
in the light,
we have
fellowship
one with
another”
(I John 1:7).

NAME _____

Red Star—Attendance

Blue Star—Bible brought or golden text learned

Silver Star—Bible brought and golden text learned

More Primary Summer Quarter 2013 publications
available from Union Gospel Press:



• Primary Bible Teacher



• My Jewels



• Primary Helps and Handwork



• Our Bible Picture Talks



• Boys and Girls' Album



"CHRISTIAN LIFE SERIES"
a publication of

UNION GOSPEL PRESS DIVISION

BOX 6059 CLEVELAND, OHIO 44101

www.uniongospelpress.com

ISBN 978-1-936897-52-0

\$1.75

5 0175 >



9 781936 897520