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Author's Preface

This is the third in the series of catechism books which deals with the stories of the Bible for children from the age of six to eight. The first two books covered the history of the Old Testament, while this one treats the history of the New Testament.

Each lesson deals with only one phase of the history, rather than entering into detail on all the events. Also, the facts of history are stressed, with the significance brought out, whenever possible, toward the end of the lesson. The teacher should use his own discretion in determining how much other material should be included in the classroom discussion.

The same division of the material is used as in "Suffer Little Children" by Mrs Gertrude Hoeksema, in order to create a certain amount of harmony between the instruction in the school and in the catechism wherever both books are used.

The questions and answers are considerably longer in this revised book than in the previous one. We recommend that the younger children learn as much of the lesson as possible, and the older children learn the whole lesson.

May our gracious, covenant God use this material for the instruction and spiritual edification of our children. From Him is all our expectation, and to Him alone must be the glory of our lives.

- Rev. C. Hanko

Editor's Preface

The use of the Catechism for the instruction of the young in the Church is an ancient and timetested method. The present series of booklets is designed to give a firm grounding on Bible facts and history, which will eventually serve as a foundation for the Doctrinal Catechisms such as the WSC.

The current version of this Bible History Catechism (Jan 2011 edition) has undergone numerous revisions upon discovery of factual and typographical errors in the original edition received; as well as further proof-reading and editorial suggestions by Pastor David Higgs. Many of the wordings of the question and answers have also been revised (upon helpful feedbacks from parents) to make memorization of the answers easier for our children. 'Proof-texts' for parents' and teachers' use have also been added. These were furnished by Pastor Higgs.

A workbook accompanying this booklet has also been produced. Parents are encouraged to help the children do the relevant worksheets in addition to helping them to memorise the answers to the ten questions each week. And as the Sabbath School teachers' role is designed to be complementary, parents (especially fathers) are urged to explain the lessons to their children in a way suitable to them before they come for class. At class the teachers will only give a few applicatory lessons, and then review the lesson with each of the students by testing them on their memory work.

May the Lord bless our feeble efforts to instruct our children in the way of the Lord.

- Ps J.J. Lim

Lesson 1 JOHN THE BAPTIST Luke 1

- 1. To whom did the angel Gabriel appear?

 To Zacharias in the temple. [Lk 1:5, 8-11]
- 2. What did the angel tell Zacharias?

 He told him that he would have a son. [Lk 1:13]
- 3. What was Zacharias told to call this son? He was told to call him John. [Lk 1:13]
- Why did Zacharias not believe the angel?
 Because he and Elisabeth were very old. [Lk 1:7, 18]
- How was Zacharias punished for not believing the angel?
 He could not speak nor hear until John was born. [Lk 1:19-20]
- Why was this such a great punishment for Zacharias?
 He could not talk about the news the angel brought. [Lk 1:22, 63, 67]
- What did Zacharias do when he could speak again?
 He praised God for the important son God had given him. [Lk 1:64]
- 8. What was so important about John the Baptist?

 He was called to prepare the way for the coming of our Saviour. [Lk 1:76]
- How did John prepare the way?
 He told the people to repent and look for the promised Saviour. [Lk 1:77-79; Mt 3:1-3]
- 10. Why is John called "the Baptist"? He baptised those who repented and believed in the coming Saviour. [Mk 1:2-4]

Memory verse: "Behold, I will send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me" (Malachi 3:1).

Lesson 2 JESUS' BIRTH ANNOUNCED Luke 1

- Who is your Saviour? The Lord Jesus, whose name means "Jehovah Saves." [Lk 1:31; cf Mt 1:21]
- 2. Why is He called Jesus, that is, "Jehovah Saves"? He saves His people from their sins. [Mt 1:21]
- 3. Who was sent to tell of Jesus' birth?
 The angel Gabriel was sent from Heaven. [Lk 1:26]
- To whom was Gabriel sent?
 To Mary, who was of the royal line of David. [Lk 1:27]
- What did the angel Gabriel tell Mary?
 That she would be the mother of the Lord Jesus. [Lk 1:31]
- 6. What did Gabriel tell Mary about the Lord Jesus? That He is the Son of God. [Lk 1:32]
- Why did Mary go to Elisabeth?
 Gabriel told her that Elisabeth was going to have a son. [Lk 1:36-40]
- 8. What happened when Elisabeth heard Mary's greeting?
 The baby John leaped for joy in her womb. [Lk 1:41, 44]
- How long did Mary stay with Elisabeth?
 For about three months, until John was born. [Lk 1:56]
- How did Elisabeth show her joy in the coming Saviour?
 She praised God for all His wonderful deeds. [Lk 1:42-55]

Memory verse: "That Holy Thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35).

Lesson 3 JESUS IS BORN Luke 2

- What happened just before Jesus was born?
 Caesar Augustus commanded that all the world should be taxed. [Lk 2:1-2]
- Why did God cause this command to be made?
 He wanted Jesus to be born in Bethlehem. [Lk 2:3-6]
- Why did God want Jesus to be born in Bethlehem?
 He wanted to show that Jesus is of the royal line of David. [Lk 2:11; cf Mt 1:6, 16-17]
- 4. Why was Jesus born in a cattle stall?
 There was no room in the inn. [Lk 2:7]
- 5. What does Jesus' birth in a cattle stall show us? He had to become poor to make us rich. [Lk 2:7; cf Phil 2:6-7; 2 Cor 8:9]
- 6. To whom did God send an angel to announce Jesus' birth? To shepherds who were watching their flocks at night. [Lk 2:8-10]
- What did the angel tell the shepherds?
 "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Lk 2:11).
- What did a host of angels sing?
 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Lk 2:14).
- 9. Who else knew of Jesus' birth?
 Wise men who saw Jesus' star in the East. [Mt 2:1-2]
- 10. What did the wise men do when they saw Jesus? They worshipped Him and brought Him gifts. [Mt 2:9-11]

Memory verse: "Yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

Lesson 4 JESUS' EARLY LIFE Matthew 2; Luke 2

- Where did His parents take Jesus when he was 40 days old?
 His parents took Him to the temple. [Luke 2:21-24, 27; cf Lev 12:1-4, 6]
- Who met Jesus in the temple?
 Simeon, who was told that he would not die until he saw the Saviour. [Lk 2:25-27]
- 3. What did Simeon say when he took Jesus in his arms?

 "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace... For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation" (Lk 2:29-30).
- 4. Who also came into the temple at that time? Anna, a prophetess, who was at least 84 years old. [Lk 2: 36-37]
- What did Anna do when she saw Jesus?
 She thanked God that the Saviour had come. [Lk 2:38]
- 6. How did king Herod hear of Jesus' birth?

 The wise men came looking for the King of the Jews. [Mt 2:1-3]
- 7. What did Herod do when the wise men did not return to him?

He killed all the babies of Bethlehem two years old and younger. [Mt 2:16-18]

- How did God protect Jesus?
 He told Joseph to flee with Jesus to Egypt. [Mt 2:13-15]
- What did Jesus do in the temple when He was 12 years old?
 He talked with the teachers, asking and answering hard questions. [Lk 2:42-47]
- 10. What did Jesus say to Mary when she found Him there? "Wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business?" (Lk 2:49).

Memory verse: "Out of Egypt have I called my Son" (Matthew 2:15b).

Lesson 5 JOHN BAPTISES JESUS Luke 3; Matthew 3, 4

- Where did John the Baptist preach?
 He preached in the wilderness near the Jordan River. [Mt 3:1; Lk 3:2-3]
- 2. How was John dressed?

 He wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather girdle. [Mt 3:4]
- 3. What did John eat?
 He ate locusts and wild honey. [Mt 3:4]
- 4. Why did the people come out to hear John?

 They heard that a great Prophet had arisen among them. [Mt 3:3, 5]
- What did John preach?
 He told the people that the Saviour had come. [Lk 3:4-6,16-17]
- 6. What did he tell the people to do? He told them to repent of their sins and look for the Saviour. [Mt 3:2, 8, 11-12]
- 7. Who came to John while he was preaching? Jesus came to John to be baptised. [Mt 3:13]
- 8. What happened when Jesus was baptised?
 The Spirit came upon Him like a dove. [Mt 3:16-17; Lk 3:21-22]
- Where did the Spirit lead Jesus?
 Into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. [Mt 4:1]
- What did Jesus do after the third temptation?
 He drove Satan away, saying, "Get thee hence, Satan" (Mt 4:10).

Memory verse: "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve" (Matthew 4:10).

Lesson 6 JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY John 2 – 3

- Where did Jesus go with six of His disciples?
 He went to a wedding feast at Cana of Galilee. [Jn 2:1-2]
- 2. What did Mary, the mother of Jesus, tell Jesus during the feast? She told Him that they had no more wine. [Jn 2:3]
- What did Jesus tell the servants to do?
 He told them to fill six waterpots with water. [Jn 2:6-8]
- 4. What did Jesus do after the servants filled the waterpots?

 He changed the water to wine. [Jn 2:9-10]
- What was the result of this first miracle?
 Jesus' disciples believed that He was the promised Saviour. [Jn 2:11]
- Where did Jesus go after the wedding at Cana?
 He went to Jerusalem to keep the Passover feast. [Jn 2:13]
- What did Jesus do in the temple?
 He made a whip and drove the buyers and sellers out of the temple. [Jn 2:14-16]
- Did this make the Jewish leaders angry?
 Yes, they asked Him by what right He did that. [Jn 2:18]
- What did Jesus answer them?
 "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (Jn 2:19).
- What important lesson did Jesus teach Nicodemus?
 "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (Jn 3:3).
- Memory verse: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Lesson 7 JESUS AT THE WELL IN SAMARIA John 4

- 1. Where did Jesus go from Jerusalem after the passover? He went through Samaria to Galilee. [Jn 4:1-4]
- 2. Whom did Jesus meet at the well in Samaria?

 He met a Samaritan woman who came to draw water. [Jn 4:4-7]
- 3. What did Jesus ask of the Samaritan woman? He asked, "Give Me to drink" (Jn 4:7a).
- 4. What did Jesus tell the Samaritan woman?

 He told her that He was the Water of Life. [Jn 4:10, 14]
- What did Jesus mean by saying that He was the Water of Life?
 It means that He is the Saviour Who came to save us from sin and death. [Jn 4:13, 14; cf Jn 3:36; 7:37]
- 6. What did Jesus do while talking to the Samaritan woman? He caused her to believe in Him as her Saviour. [Jn 4:25-26, 29]
- What did the Samaritan woman do when she believed that Jesus was her Saviour?
 She went into the city and called many others to come to hear Jesus. [Jn 4:28-30]
- Did Jesus save others in Samaria also?
 Yes, many believed in Him as their Saviour. [Jn 4:39-42]
- What did this show to the disciples?
 It showed that God would gather His people also from the Gentiles. [Jn 4:9, 27, 35-38; Mt 28:19-20]
- How long did Jesus stay in Samaria?
 He stayed two days, and then went to Galilee. [Jn 4:43]

Memory verse: "My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God" (Psalm 42:2a).

Lesson 8 JESUS TEACHES IN GALILEE John 4, Luke 4

- Were the Jews glad to see Jesus in Galilee?
 Yes, because they wanted to see more miracles. [Lk 4:14; Jn 4:45; 2:23]
- What second miracle did Jesus perform in Cana?
 He healed the nobleman's son, who was very sick. [Jn 4:46, 50, 54]
- Where did the nobleman of Cana live?
 He lived in Capernaum, twenty miles away. [Jn 4:46]
- How did Jesus heal the nobleman's son?
 He spoke the word, and the son was healed. [Jn 4:50, 53]
- Where did Jesus go from Cana?
 He went to Nazareth, where He had grown up. [Lk 4:16]
- 6. What did Jesus teach the people in Nazareth? He told them that He was the promised Christ about Whom Isaiah had prophesied. [Lk 4:17-19; cf Isa 61:1]
- Did the people of Nazareth believe in Jesus?
 No, they would not believe that He was the promised Christ. [Lk 4:20-22, 28-29]
- What did Jesus tell the people of Nazareth when they would not believe Him?
 He told them that the Gospel would be brought to the Gentiles. [Lk 4:24-27]
- 9. What did the people do when they heard this?

 They were angry and tried to push Jesus off the cliff. [Lk 4:28-29]
- 10. How did Jesus escape from them?

 He passed through their midst, and they could not touch Him. [Lk 4:30]

Memory verse: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor" (Luke 4:18).

Lesson 9 JESUS HEALS ON THE SABBATH John 5

- Why did Jesus go to Jerusalem a second time?
 He went to keep a feast in Jerusalem. [Jn 5:1]
- Where did Jesus go on the Sabbath day when He was in Jerusalem?
 He went to the pool of Bethesda, where there were many sick people. [Jn 5:2, 8-9]
- Why were these sick people at the pool?
 It was thought that an angel stirred the water, and the first one who then stepped into the water was healed. [Jn 5:4]
- To whom did Jesus speak at the pool?
 To a man who had been lame for 38 years. [Jn 5:5]
- 5. What is the lame man a picture of?

 He is a picture of us as we are helpless in our sins. [Jn 5:14, 19-25; cf Eph 2:1-5; Isa 35:5-8; 61:1-3]
- 6. What did Jesus say to the lame man? "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk" (Jn 5:8).
- 7. Were the Pharisees glad to see the lame man healed?

 No, they were angry that he carried his bed on the Sabbath. [Jn 5:9-10]
- 8. What did the Pharisees say when they heard that Jesus had healed the lame man?
 They said that Jesus had broken the Sabbath. [Jn 5:15-16]
- Did Jesus break the Sabbath by healing the lame man?
 No, Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath, and doing good on the Sabbath is not sin. [Jn 5:17; Mt 12:7-8]
- 10. What does it mean that Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath? It means that the Sabbath is the Lord's Day, a day belonging to Him. [Mk 2:27-28; Rev 1:10]

Memory verse: "Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath" (Mark 2:28).

Lesson 10 JESUS AT THE SEA OF GALILEE Luke 8 and Matthew 8

- What happened when Jesus and His disciples crossed the Sea of Galilee?
 A great storm arose on the sea. [Lk 8:23]
- Were the disciples afraid?
 Yes, they were afraid the boat would sink. [Lk 8:24]
- What was Jesus doing during the storm?
 He was sound asleep in the boat. [Lk 8:23a; Mt 8:24]
- What did Jesus do when His disciples woke Him?
 He commanded the wind to die down and the sea to be calm. [Lk 8:24b; Mt 8:26]
- What did Jesus teach His disciples with this storm? He taught them that they were always safe with Him. [Lk 8:25; cf Isa 43:2]
- Who met Jesus on the other side of the lake?
 Two men who were possessed with demons. [Mt 8:28]
- What did Jesus command these demons to do?
 He commanded them to come out of the men. [Mt 8:32]
- 8. What happened when Jesus commanded the demons to go into the pigs on the hill-side?.
 The pigs dashed into the lake and were drowned. [Lk 8:33]
- 9. What does Jesus teach us by this power over devils? He teaches us that even devils cannot do anything except by the power God gives them. [Mt 8:29-31; Lk 4:41; 2 Pet 2:4]
- Did the Gadarenes believe in Jesus when they saw these signs of His power?
 No, they would rather have their pigs than Jesus. [Lk 8:37]

Memory verse: "What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him!" (Matthew 8:27b)

Lesson 11 THE PEOPLE WANT TO MAKE JESUS THEIR KING John 6

- What miracle did Jesus perform in the wilderness near Capernaum?
 He fed about 5000 men apart from women and children. [Jn 6:10]
- Why was this such a great miracle?
 Jesus fed them with five loaves and two fishes, and there were twelve full baskets left over. [Jn 6:9, 11-13]
- 3. What did Jesus teach the people through the miracle of feeding the 5000? He taught that He is the true Bread that came from Heaven. [Jn 6:32-35]
- 4. What happened to the disciples when they tried to cross the sea that night? God sent a storm upon the sea, so that they could not reach land. [Jn 6:16-18]
- How did Jesus help them?
 He came walking to them on the sea, and then stilled the storm. [Jn 6:19]
- 6. What did Jesus teach the disciples by walking to them on the waves? Although the Church would pass through many storms, Jesus would always be near. [Jn 6:20-21; Eph 1:19-23]
- Why were some people looking for Jesus on the other side of the lake?
 They wanted Jesus to be their earthly king because He had fed them miraculously. [Jn 6:15]
- Was Jesus willing to be an earthly king?
 No, He told the people that His Kingdom is Heavenly. [Jn 6:36-41]
- How did the people show that they did not want that Kingdom?
 Many left Him and followed Him no more. [Jn 6:66]
- 10. What did the disciples answer Jesus when He asked them whether they wanted to leave Him? They said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life" (Jn 6:68).

Memory verse: "I am the living bread which came down from heaven" (John 6:51a)

Lesson 12 JESUS IS TRANSFIGURED ON THE MOUNT Matthew 16, 17

- What did Jesus tell His disciples after they confessed that He has the words of eternal life?
 He told them that He must suffer and die. [Mt 16:21]
- What more did He tell them?
 He told them that He would rise again from the dead. [Mt 16:21]
- Who did Jesus take up into a high mountain?
 Three of His disciples: Peter, James and John. [Mt 17:1]
- 4. What happened while Jesus was praying on the mount? His face shone like the sun, and His clothing became as white as snow. [Mt 17:2]
- Who appeared to Jesus there?
 Moses and Elijah, who spoke to Him concerning His death. [Lk 9:30-31]
- What did the voice from Heaven say?
 It said, "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him" (Mt 17:5).
- 7. What great miracle did Jesus perform the morning after His transfiguration? He healed a boy who had a demon. [Mt 17:15, 18]
- 8. What did the boy's father say to Jesus?

 He said, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief" (Mk 9:24).
- 9. What was remarkable about this miracle?

 The disciples tried and could not heal the boy. [Mt 17:16, 19]
- 10. What does this miracle teach us? That we must believe that there is no evil so great that Jesus cannot overcome. [Mt 17:18; Ps 130:7-8; Heb 7:25; 1 Tim 1:15]

Memory verse: "And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God" (Luke 9:43)

Lesson 13 JESUS TEACHES IN JERUSALEM John 8 – 9, 12 and Luke 10:38 – 41

- Where did Jesus stay when He was preparing to attend the Passover feast in Jerusalem?
 He stayed in the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus, in Bethany. [Jn 12:1-3]
- How did Martha show her love for the Lord?
 She enjoyed serving Him with delicious meals. [Lk 10:40; Jn 12:2]
- How did Mary show her love for the Lord?
 She listened to Him as He taught about the Kingdom of Heaven. [Lk 10:39]
- What did Jesus say about Mary?
 He said that Mary had chosen the better things. [Lk 10:42]
- What did Jesus teach the people in the temple?
 He taught them that He was the Saviour, the Light of the World. [Jn 8:2, 12]
- 6. Why did this make the rulers angry?

 They thought that Jesus was lying about who He was and was blaspheming God's name [Jn 8:13, 58-59]
- How did Jesus escape when they tried to stone Him?
 He hid himself and then slipped out of the temple through the midst of them.
 [Jn 8:59]
- What miracle did Jesus perform after they tried to stone Him in the temple?
 He healed a blind man who sat begging at the temple gate. [Jn 9:1, 6-7, 11]
- What did the rulers say about this man whom Jesus healed of blindness?
 They said that the man had never been blind. [Jn 9:9, 18]
- 10. What else did Jesus do for this blind man? He gave him spiritual eyes to see that Jesus is the Light of the World. [Jn 9:2-4, 27-28, 35-39]

Memory verse: "I am the Light of the World: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).

Lesson 14 JESUS RAISES LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD John 11

- 1. Where did Jesus go when the Jews sought to kill Him?

 He went to Perea, which our Bible refers to as "beyond Jordan". [Jn 10:39-40]
- How did Jesus teach the people there in Perea?
 He taught the people with many parables. [Eq. Lk 15:3, 8, 11]
- Name three parables which Jesus taught in Perea?
 The parables of "the lost sheep", "the lost coin", and "the lost (prodigal) son" (Lk 15).
- Who came to Jesus at Perea?
 Messengers who told Him that His friend Lazarus was very sick. [Jn 10:40; 11:1-3]
- Why were the disciples afraid to have Jesus go to Jerusalem?
 They were afraid because the Jews wanted to kill Jesus. [Jn 11:8; cf Lesson 13, Q. 7]
- What did Thomas say?
 "Let us also go, that we may die with Him" (Jn 11:16).
- 7. Why did Jesus wait until Lazarus was dead?

 He wanted to show that He had power to raise the dead. [Jn 11:14-15, 39-44]
- What did Jesus do at the tomb of Lazarus?
 He raised Lazarus from the dead by calling him forth. [Jn 11:43]
- What did Jesus teach with this great miracle?
 He teaches that He has power to raise His people to Heavenly glory. [Jn 11:25-26]
- 10. What effect did this miracle have on the rulers?

 They were more determined than ever to kill Jesus. [Jn 11:53]

Memory verse: "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25)

Lesson 15 JESUS GOES TO THE PASSOVER FEAST Luke 18 – 19 and John 12

- Where did Jesus go after the raising of Lazarus?
 He went to the city of Ephraim, not far from Jerusalem. [Jn 11:54]
- What road did Jesus travel when He went to Jerusalem?
 He went through Jericho, where many pilgrims were traveling on their way to the Passover feast. [Lk 18:31, 35]
- Whom did Jesus meet just outside of Jericho?
 He met blind Bartimaeus, who cried, "Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me" (Lk 18:38).
- What did Bartimaeus do when Jesus caused him to see?
 He followed after Jesus, glorifying God. [Lk 18:43]
- Who climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus?
 Zacchaeus, a publican, who was very rich. [Lk 19:2-4]
- What did Jesus say when He came to Zacchaeus?
 "Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house" (Lk 19:5).
- What did the people of Jericho think about Jesus going into Zacchaeus' house?
 They were very angry, because they hated Zacchaeus who was a publican.
 [Lk 19:7]
- 8. How did Jesus answer the people who were angry that he was going into Zacchaeus' house?
 He told them that He was bringing salvation to a true son of Abraham. [Lk 19:9-10]
- 9. How did Mary of Bethany show her faith in Jesus?
 She anointed Jesus' body with very expensive ointment. [Jn 12:3]
- 10. Why did Mary anoint Jesus' body? Because she believed that Jesus would die, but would also rise again from the dead. [Jn 12:7]

Memory verse: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10)

Lesson 16 JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM AS KING Matthew 21 and Luke 19

- 1. What did Jesus do on the first day of the week before He died? He rode into Jerusalem on a colt of an ass. [Mt 21:7-12]
- What did the people do when they saw Jesus riding into Jerusalem?
 They met him with palm fronds and spread their garments on the way. [Mt 21:8; Lk 19:36; Jn 12:13]
- What did the people shout as Jesus passed by?
 They shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David" (Mt 21:15).
- 4. Why did the people shout 'Hosanna' which was used only for kings? The Prophets had said that their King would come to them riding on a colt. [cf Zec 9:9; Isa 62:11]
- 5. What did the people think the Lord Jesus was doing as he entered Jerusalem on a colt?
 They thought that Jesus would make Himself their earthly king. [Mt 21:5, 8-9]
- What was Jesus showing to the people?
 He was showing them that He was the Heavenly King. [Mt 21:4-5; Lk 19:37-38]
- 7. Why did Jesus show this at this time?

 He was about to enter His Kingdom. [Mt 20:22-23; Lk 22:29-30]
- Why did Jesus come riding on a colt instead of on a strong horse?
 He showed that He must be lowly and have to suffer to enter His Kingdom. [cf 2 Cor 8:9; Jn 17:4-5; Acts 5:30-31]
- Why did Jesus have to suffer?
 He had to suffer to save us from our sins and take us to Heaven. [Isa 53]
- 10. Will Jesus appear before the whole world as our King? Yes, Jesus is now King in Heaven, and will appear as our King when He comes again. [1 Cor 15:23-27; Rev 1:5-6; 2 Th 1:7-10]

Memory verse: "Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord" (Matthew 21:9b).

Lesson 17 THE LAST SUPPER Matthew 26 and John 13

- Where did Jesus keep his last Passover feast?
 He kept the Passover feast with His disciples in an upper room. [Mk 14:14-15; Lk 22:11-12]
- 2. What was the first thing that the Lord Jesus did at the passover feast? He washed His disciples' feet like a lowly servant. [Jn 13:3-5]
- Why did Jesus wash their feet?
 He showed them that He had to lay down His life to wash away their sins. [cf Jn 13:7-8, 10]
- 4. What other reason did Jesus give for washing their feet? He told them that they must learn to serve each other. [Jn 13:12-17]
- 5. What was the second important thing that happened at the Passover feast? Jesus told Judas Iscariot, "That thou doest, do quickly" (Jn 13:27).
- Did Judas know what Jesus meant?
 Yes, Judas went out to betray Jesus. [Jn 13:30; Mt 26:25, 47]
- What third important thing did Jesus do at this Passover feast?
 He gave His disciples bread and wine as a sign of His broken body and shed blood. [Mt 26:26-28]
- Why is this so important?
 Jesus gave us these signs for our keeping of the Lord's Supper. [1 Cor 11:24-26]
- 9. Where did Jesus go after the Supper?

 He went to Gethsemane to pray. [Mt 26:36]
- Who came to Gethsemane after Jesus had prayed?
 Judas, with a large band of soldiers to take Jesus prisoner. [Mt 26:45-50]

Memory verse: "This is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many" (Mark 14:24).

Lesson 18 JESUS' DEATH ON THE CROSS Matthew 27 and Luke 23

- How did Jesus die?
 He was nailed to the cross between two thieves. [Mt 27:38]
- 2. What were the first words that Jesus spoke on the cross?

 "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Lk 23:34a).
- What did one of the thieves ask of Jesus?
 "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom" (Lk 23:42).
- What did Jesus answer this thief?
 "Today shalt thou be with Me in paradise" (Lk 23:43b).
- What happened at noon?
 Darkness covered the earth, and great fear fell on all that saw it. [Mt 27:45, 54; Lk 23:44]
- 6. What did Jesus cry out at the end of the darkness?
 "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" (Mt 27:46b).
- What happened when Jesus died?
 The veil of the temple rent, the earth quaked, and graves opened. [Mt 27:51-52]
- 8. Who came to bury Jesus?

 Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus who took Jesus from the cross and laid
 Him in a new grave. [Lk 23:50-53; Jn 19:38-42]
- Why did the Lord Jesus have to die on the cross?
 Because the death of the cross is an accursed death. [Gal 3:13]
- 10. Why did the Lord Jesus die an accursed death? He bore God's wrath against our sins. [Gal 3:13; 1 Pet 2:24 and 1 Th 5:9-10]

Memory verse: "Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows" (Isaiah 53:4a).

Lesson 19 JESUS RISES FROM THE DEAD Matthew 27 – 28, Luke 24 and John 20

- Where was Jesus buried?
 He was buried in a new grave belonging to Joseph of Arimathea. [Mt 27:57-60]
- 2. How did the Jews try to keep Jesus in the grave?

 They asked Pilate to put a guard at the grave. [Mt 27:62-66]
- What happened early on Sunday morning?
 Jesus arose from the dead. [Mt 28:1-6; Lk 24:1-6, Jn 20:1, 11-16]
- 4. How did the Lord show that He was risen?

 An angel came from Heaven and rolled away the stone. [Mt 28:2]
- 5. What did the angel tell the women who came to the grave? "He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay" (Mt 28:6).
- 6. What did the women see when they looked at the place where the Lord lay?

 The grave clothes were still there, but Jesus had risen. [Jn 20:4-7]
- 7. Who was the first one to see the risen Saviour?

 Mary Magdalene, who was weeping at the grave. [Jn 20:11-16]
- Did the Lord Jesus appear to His disciples that day?
 Yes, He appeared in the evening when the doors of their room were locked.
 [Jn 20:19]
- 9. Why is it important that Jesus arose on the first day of the week?

 The Lord Jesus changed our Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday, in order that we may celebrate His resurrection. [Rev 1:10; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 16:1-2]
- Of what does the Lord Jesus' resurrection assure us?
 That the Lord Jesus will both raise us spiritually and bodily. [1 Cor 15:20-22; Phil 3:8-11; 1 Pet 1:3-5; 3:21-22]

Memory verse: "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become firstfruits of them that slept" (1 Corinthians 15:20).

Lesson 20 THE HOLY SPIRIT IS POURED OUT Acts 1 - 2

- When did the Lord Jesus ascend to heaven?
 He ascended to Heaven forty days after He arose from the dead. [Acts 1:2-3, 9-11]
- 2. Before He left them, what did the Lord Jesus tell His disciples to do? He told them to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit. [Acts 1:4-5]
- 3. What does the Lord Jesus now do in Heaven?

 He rules over all things in Heaven and on earth. [Eph 1:20-23; Heb 1:1-2]
- 4. What more does the Lord Jesus do in Heaven?
 He intercedes for us before the Father. [Rom 8:34; Heb 9:12, 24]
- How does the Father answer the Lord's intercession?
 The Father gives to Jesus all the blessings we need. [Eph 4:7-8]
- 6. Which was the first blessing the Lord Jesus gave us?

 The Holy Spirit was poured out on the day of Pentecost. [Acts 2:1, 4]
- 7. What was the sign that the Spirit was poured out?

 There was the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. [Acts 2:2]
- What other sign was given? Tongues as of fire were on the heads of the 120 who were gathered in the upper room. [Acts 2:3]
- 9. What special power was given to the 120?

 They were able to speak many languages. [Acts 2:4-12]
- 10. Of what was the speaking in different languages a sign? It was a sign that God would now gather His people from all the nations of the earth. [Acts 2:14-21, 39]
- Memory verse: "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11b).

Lesson 21 PETER HEALS THE LAME MAN Acts 3 – 4

- 1. What did Peter and John do soon after Pentecost? They went to the temple to pray. [Acts 3:1]
- 2. Whom did Peter and John see at the temple gate?

 They saw a beggar who had been lame for forty years. [Acts 3:2-5; 4:22]
- 3. What did Peter say to him?

 He told him to arise and walk. [Acts 3:6-7]
- 4. In Whose Name did Peter tell him to do this?
 In the Name of Jesus, the risen Lord. [Acts 3:6]
- Did the lame man believe that Jesus could make him walk?
 Yes, God gave him faith to believe in Jesus. [Acts 3:8-9]
- 6. Was the lame man healed? Yes, he leaped about and praised God. [Acts 3:8]
- What was the result of this miracle?
 Many people gathered around and heard Peter preach to them about the risen Lord. [Acts 3:11-12]
- Did this make the rulers angry?
 Yes, they were so angry that they put Peter and John in prison. [Acts 4:1-3]
- What did the rulers command Peter and John the next day?
 They commanded them not to speak any more in the Name of Jesus. [Acts 4:5-6, 18]
- 10. What did Peter answer them?
 "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20).

Memory verse: "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye" (Acts 4:19).

Lesson 22 PETER PREACHES TO CORNELIUS Acts 9 – 10

- Why did Peter go to Samaria?
 Peter went to Samaria to preach to the believers there. [Acts 9:32]
- How did the Lord Jesus show His power through Peter?
 Peter healed Aeneas, who was sick for eight years. [Acts 9:33-34]
- What great miracle did Peter perform in Joppa?
 Peter raised Dorcas from the dead. [Acts 9:37-41]
- 4. What vision did Peter see in Joppa? He saw a vision of animals and birds which the Jews were not allowed to eat. [Acts 10:9-13]
- What did Peter answer when the Lord told him to take and eat?
 He answered that he had never eaten anything that was unclean and common. [Acts 10:14]
- What did the Lord tell Peter?
 He told him, "What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common" (Acts 10:15).
- 7. Why did God show Peter this vision?

 God wanted Peter to preach to the Gentiles. [Acts 10:34-35; 15:7-9]
- How did Peter know that this is what the vision meant?
 Men came from Cornelius, a Gentile, asking Peter to come and preach to him.
 [Acts 10:19-22]
- Did Peter go?
 Yes, he went and preached about the Lord Jesus to Cornelius and his family and friends. [Acts 10:23-36]
- 10. What happened while Peter was preaching? The Holy Spirit came on those Gentiles, and they spoke in tongues, giving praise to God. [Acts 10:44-46a]
- Memory verse: "All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord" (Psalm 22:27a).

Lesson 23 PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY Acts 9 and 13 – 14

- Who stood by when Stephen was stoned?
 Saul of Tarsus, who agreed to Stephen's death. [Acts 7:57 8:1]
- Why did Saul go to Damascus?
 He went to Damascus to take the Christians captive, and take them to Jerusalem. [Acts 9:1-2]
- Who appeared to Saul on the way?
 The Lord Jesus appeared to him and said, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" (Acts 9:4)
- What did the Lord Jesus call Saul to do?
 He called him to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles. [Acts 9:15]
- Who went along with Saul on his first missionary journey?
 Barnabas and John Mark went with him. [Acts 13:1-5]
- 6. To what was Saul's name changed?
 It was changed to Paul. [Acts 13:9]
- What happened on the island of Cyprus?
 The governor of the island and probably many others were saved. [Acts 13:4-12]
- What was the result of Paul's preaching at Antioch in Pisidia?
 Many Gentiles believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. [Acts 13:48]
- How did the Jews show their jealousy against Paul at Antioch in Pisidia?
 They drove Paul and Barnabas out of the city. [Acts 13:50]
- 10. What did the heathen people at Lystra do to Paul and Barnabas? First, they wanted to worship them as gods, but afterward they stoned Paul and left him for dead. [Acts 14:11-15,19]

Memory verse: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Lesson 24 PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY: Acts 16 – 18 Acts 16

- Where did Paul and Silas go on the second missionary journey?
 They went to visit the Churches in Asia Minor. [Acts 15:40 16:2, 6]
- What vision came to Paul in Asia Minor?
 Paul saw a Macedonian man who said, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us" (Acts 16:9).
- What did the vision mean?
 It meant that God had His elect people in Macedonia. [Acts 16:10, 12]
- 4. Who was the first one to be saved in Macedonia? Lydia, who was baptised and her family with her. [Acts 16:14-15]
- 5. What did a girl with an evil spirit cry out about Paul and Silas? "These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation" (Acts 16:17).
- What happened when Paul cast out the evil spirit?
 Paul and Silas were beaten and thrown into prison. [Acts 16:19-24]
- Were Paul and Silas afraid in prison?
 No, during the night they sang praises to God. [Acts 16:25]
- How did God show His power in that prison?
 The earth quaked, the prison doors broke open, and the chains fell from Paul and Silas. [Acts 16:26]
- What did the jailor do?
 He begged of Paul and Silas, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30).
- 10. How did Paul and Silas reply to the jailor? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31).

Memory verse: "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39).

Lesson 25 PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY Acts 19 – 28

- 1. Where did Paul go on his third missionary journey?

 He went to Ephesus where he laboured for two years. [Acts 19:1a, 10]
- 2. How did many people show their faith in God?

 They burned all their wicked books. [Acts 19:18-19]
- Who opposed Paul in Ephesus?
 Demetrius, who made silver images of the goddess, Diana. [Acts 19:23-25]
- Why did Demetrius oppose Paul?
 He was afraid that Paul's preaching would hurt his business. [Acts 19:25-27]
- What happened when Demetrius stirred up the people against Paul?
 A great uproar arose in the city so that Paul had to leave Ephesus. [Acts 19:28-30; 20:1]
- Where did Paul go from Ephesus?
 He went to Macedonia and to Greece. [Acts 20:1-2]
- 7. What did the Holy Spirit tell Paul on this journey?

 He told him that he would be taken prisoner in Jerusalem. [Acts 20:22-23]
- Why was Paul taken prisoner in Jerusalem?
 The wicked Jews in Jerusalem accused him of breaking the laws of Moses.
 [Acts 21:20-21, 28-37]
- 9. Where did the Lord lead Paul as a prisoner? He led him to Rome to preach the Gospel there. [Acts 23:10-11; 28:14-16, 23-24, 30-31]
- 10. What was the result of Paul's preaching?

 The Gospel was spread to many countries and many believed in the Lord

 Jesus Christ. [Acts 28:28: Phil 1:6-20; 2 Tim 2:9-10; Phm 10 etc]
- Memory verse: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7).