



Raising an Unshaken Generation

ZION

A CADEMY

CURRICULUM

A Mustard Ministries Initiative



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Ephesians 3:20-21 "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

May this curriculum be a blessing to churches in India and around the world, and may it bring glory to God as we seek to share His love and truth with children and families. We pray that God will continue to empower and guide us as we raise an Unshaken Generation!

INTRODUCTION TO MUSTARD MINISTRIES

Mustard Ministries is an urban-focused ministry with an emphasis on all areas of FAMILY: Marriages, Youth & Children. We started the teens' ministry, MusTeens in 2015. In 2018, we expanded our vision with Sprouts, focusing on our youngest generation. Our approach emphasises personal teaching styles, with discipling at the core of our mission. MusTeens & Sprouts together come under Zion Academy.

The name, Zion Academy carries significance rooted in biblical history. It signifies a sacred space where the presence of God resides amidst His people. In the City of David, Zion served as a fortress and epicenter of worship. Throughout Scripture, it symbolises God's dwelling place, sovereignty, and salvation. Christ is the cornerstone of Zion, offering hope and security.

OUR VISION

Heb 12:22 *“But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly.”*

Joel 2:28 *“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.”*

Numbers 17:1-11 *“Moses placed the staffs before the Lord in the tent of the covenant law. The next day Moses entered the tent and saw that Aaron’s staff, which represented the tribe of Levi, had not only sprouted but had budded, blossomed and produced almonds..”*

Drawing from these scriptures, we believe today's children are destined to lead in an "end-time revival." They will be missionaries, leaders, and beacons of God's Kingdom, impacting schools, workplaces, cities, and nations. Raising them to be 'IN THE WORLD BUT NOT OF THE WORLD'

·Sprouts ·Buds ·Blossoms ·Almonds
A Life-long Discipling Journey!

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“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. Isaiah 2:3

He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 18:2-3

The Zion Academy curriculum is carefully curated to be child and teen friendly. Our approach emphasizes personal teaching styles, with discipling at the core of our mission. We aim to equip the next generation for thriving in today's world, enabling spiritual growth, creating positive change grounded in biblical principles, providing a safe haven for learning, and building meaningful connections.

We ought to be committed to nurturing and equipping the next generation to become unshaken in their faith, identity and purpose. Our teaching stands as a beacon of hope, drawing inspiration from the timeless truths of Scripture and the boundless potential of each child. Through engaging programs and transformative curriculum, we seek to empower young hearts to thrive in their identity, fulfill their purpose, and embrace their destiny. Join us on this journey of growth, discovery, and spiritual transformation.

Helping steward the IDENTITY, PURPOSE and DESTINY of a generation of children, parents and teachers.

Our Curriculum is intended to:

- Empower the Church's Vision
- Have a Long term approach
- Be a Comprehensive & Adaptive Curriculum
- Focus on Wholeness & Wellbeing
- Raising Polished Arrows to Hit the Mark!

Our curriculum is more than just Sunday school, it's a foundational transformative experience. We are "Raising the Remnant," preparing children to be unshaken, excellent, and impactful individuals building the Kingdom of God here on earth.

**At Zion Academy,
Christ is the
foundation of our
faith and
education.**



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CURRICULUM KEY FOCUS

Children's ministry has undergone massive changes over the last few decades, some for the better, but many that pose serious spiritual concerns. If we take an honest look at the cultural shifts impacting today's children, churches and ministry leaders, in the global church, the average children's pastor now stays in their role for just one to two years, creating instability that leaves children without consistent spiritual leadership. Even more alarming is that only 12% of children's and youth pastors reportedly have a biblical worldview. And in India, many churches don't have a dedicated children's church pastor or leader.

Our curriculum is rooted in Biblical teaching and empowers children to recognize their identity as reflectors of God's image, Kingdom builders, and warriors of the Christian faith. It empowers the children's leaders to focus on the main thing.

We at Zion Academy, have a majority of volunteers who are trained and equipped for the task. We also get guest speakers, expert trainers & counselors to come and engage with the children.

- Love is the basis of our teaching method
- Personal attention
- 1-0-1 Prayers for each child & family
- Raising an UNSHAKEN generation
- World transformers
- Cultivating godly friendships
- Discipling the next generation
- Word-based education
- Safe and fun learning environment
- Equipping for life beyond school



We are more than just a Bible school or finishing school—it's a transformative experience. We are "Raising the Remnant," preparing children to be unshaken, excellent, and impactful individuals.

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**The key mandate is to do all that we do in LOVE!
Without love, we are just clanging cymbals.**

CURRICULUM TEACHING METHODS

- Unique curriculum on Identity, Purpose, Destiny
- Expert-led workshops in Biblical teachings and life skills
- Christian counseling sessions
- Emphasis on emotional & mental well-being
- Monthly themes & hands-on activities
- Building skills in leadership, creativity, and service
- Hands-on workshops
- Crafts, journaling, and doodling
- Sports
- Hospitality and culinary arts
- Media design art
- Social responsibility
- Physical fitness and wellness
- Communication, Body language, Teamwork



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PARENT & CHILD ENGAGEMENT

We cannot do this without you. We prioritise building long-term relationships with both parents and children, ensuring each child's holistic development and growth.

Individual Attention: We facilitate one-on-one meetings between our team and parents to discuss expectations and ensure personalized attention for each child.

Annual Parents Meets: Stay informed and involved through our annual parent meetings, where we provide inputs to encourage and equip parents.

Ongoing Communication: We maintain a database to track children's activity and participation, keeping parents informed and involved in their child's journey.

As households get ready to equip children with their IQ, what about their EQ and SQ?

Set Priorities.Commitment.Diligence.Consistency.Punctuality

The Zion Academy experience is more than just a program, it's a long-term discipling relationship with your child, fostering growth and development over time.



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CURRICULUM CLASSES

| Curriculum Name | Class | Age |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Primary 1 | Class 1 | 6-7yrs |
| Primary 2 | Class 2 | 7-8yrs |
| Primary 3 | Class 3 | 8-9yrs |
| Junior 1 | Class 4 | 9-10yrs |
| Junior 2 | Class 5 | 10-11yrs |
| Junior 3 | Class 6 | 11-12yrs |
| Inter 1 | Class 7 | 12-13yrs |
| Inter 2 | Class 8 | 13-14yrs |
| Inter 3 | Class 9 | 14-15yrs |
| Senior 1 | Class 10 | 15-16yrs |
| Senior 2 | Class 11 | 16-17yrs |
| Senior 3 | Class 12 | 17-18yrs |

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CURRICULUM LAYOUT

The Curriculum layout is divided into two. The Primary and Juniors, i.e Class 1 to 6 has the similar layout. With a storytelling style, from Genesis to Acts in a structured order. Each Class has a separate Workbook for the children and a Teacher's Manual for the teachers.

The Teacher's Manual for all classes have the entire workbook plus an additional 3-4 pages for each lesson that includes lesson objectives and icebreakers or related games that they can use as a tool for the classes.

PRIMARY

Each book in the Primary Series was prayerfully and purposefully designed to reflect the unique spiritual journey of every child, from joyful obedience to courageous faith. Inspired by Scripture and led by the Spirit, the visuals of the deer, eagle, and lion were chosen not merely for their beauty, but for the powerful biblical truths they embody. Every color, symbol, and illustration carries meaning, inviting children to run in God's ways, soar by His strength, and stand bold in His power. These covers aren't just artistic, they're prophetic portraits of the identity and destiny God speaks over this generation.

1. Prim 1 - Deer: "Run with joy as a deer, in God's ways!" Psalm 147:15
2. Prim 2 - Eagles: "Soar high like an eagle, with God's help!" Isaiah 40:31
3. Prim 3 - Lions: "Be bold as a lion, in God's power!" Proverbs 28:1

JUNIORS

The Juniors series is named Sprouts, Blossoms and Fruits based on the Numbers 17:8 verse which depicts the intentional step by step growth of Aaron's staff, a symbol of godly authority. These vibrant cover designs capture the beauty of spiritual growth, seasons where seeds are sown, purpose takes root and faith begins to flourish and bear much fruit. Inspired by the Spirit, the design celebrates the joy of growth, the color of calling, and the fragrance of obedience.

1. Junior 1 - Sprouts: "Growing in wisdom and stature" Luke 2:52
2. Junior 2 - Blossoms: "Blooming in every good work" Colossians 1:10
3. Junior 3 - Fruits: "Abundant harvest for His glory" John 15:8

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CURRICULUM LAYOUT

The Inters and Seniors curriculum have been divided into two parts.

1) Biblical Topics broadly categorised under understanding - IDENTITY, PURPOSE AND DESTINY.

2) NOTW Topics - ITW BUT NOTW! What do we mean?

"Be in the world, but not of the world" is a phrase that's heard in Christian subculture. It refers to what Jesus said as recorded by one of His close friends in John 15:19 and John 17:14-16. This concept is also talked about later in the New Testament by Paul (Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:22-24; 1 Thessalonians 4:1).

INTERS

The Inters Series covers were crafted with deep prayer, creative vision, and a heart for revival. Each design reflects a distinct phase in a teen's spiritual journey, from being ignited by God's Word, to building faith in community, to sustaining a life of worship. The imagery of fire is not just symbolic; it's prophetic. It speaks of passion, purity, and perseverance. Every visual element, from color tones to typography was chosen to keep it fun and friendly at the same time, stir something deeper, reminding teens that they are not passive observers but active carriers of God's flame. These covers are more than design; they are declarations of identity, purpose, and destiny.

1. Inters 1 - Firebrands: "Igniting passion for His Word" Jeremiah 20:9
2. Inters 2 - Fire Builders: "Building each other up in faith" 1 Thessalonians 5:11
3. Inters 3 - Fire Keepers: "Keeping the fire of worship burning" Leviticus 6:13

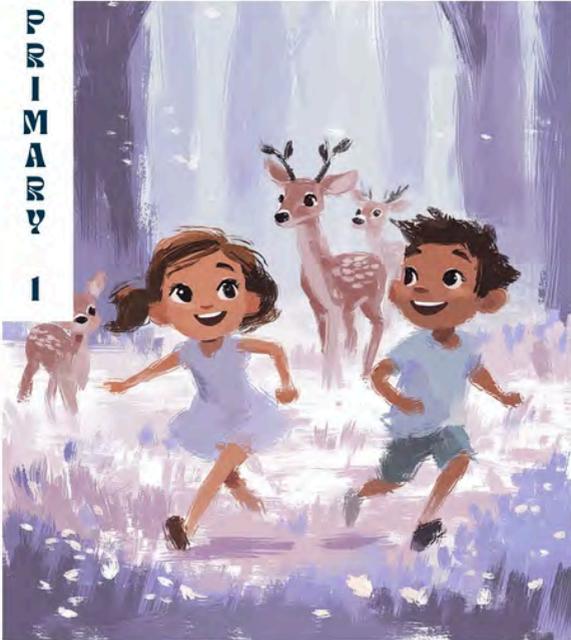
SENIORS

The Seniors Series were prayerfully and purposefully designed to reflect the high calling and Kingdom identity of today's teens. Each visual, the key, the sword and crown, was chosen not merely for aesthetic appeal, but to thoughtfully represent the roles teens are called to walk in: pioneers unlocking new territory, warriors standing firm in truth, and ambassadors representing the King with excellence. From the symbolism to the Scripture references, every detail was Spirit-led and crafted to inspire teens to rise with boldness, clarity, and purpose. These covers aren't just meaningful, they're calling this generation to live as Kingdom carriers in every sphere of life.

1. Seniors 1 - Kingdom Pioneers: "Unlocking doors for the Kingdom" Matthew 16:19
2. Seniors 2 - Kingdom Warriors: "Standing strong with God's truth!" Ephesians 6:17
3. Seniors 3 - Kingdom Ambassadors: "Representing the King with excellence" 1 Peter 2:9

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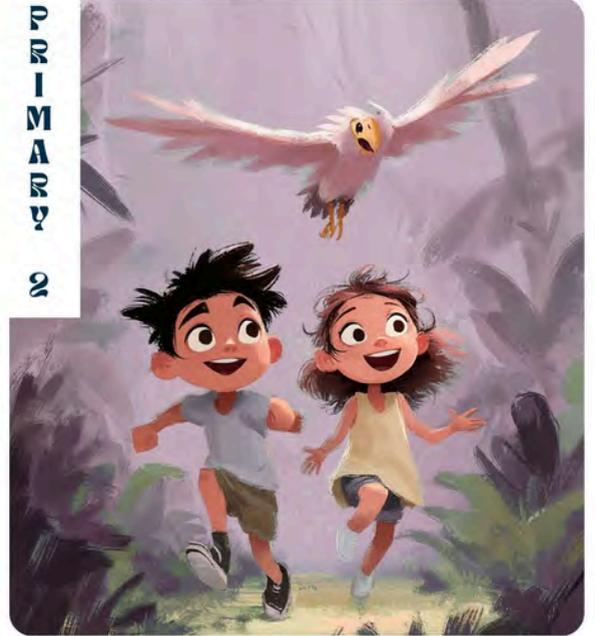


Deer WORKBOOK

Run with joy as a deer, in God's ways!
Psalm 147:15

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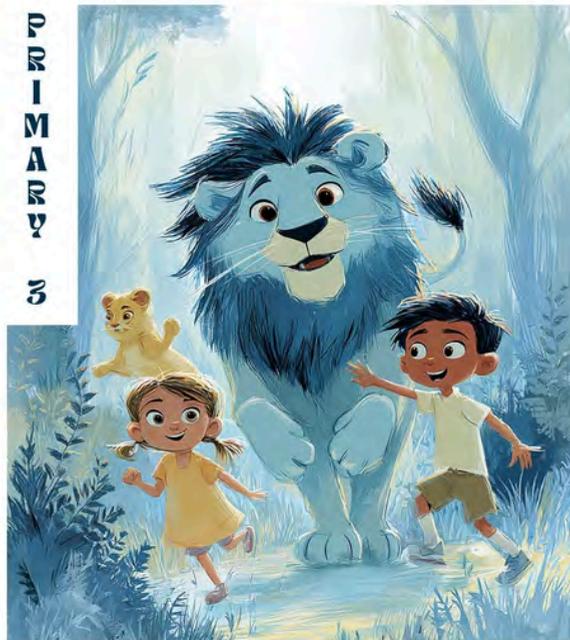


Eagles WORKBOOK

Soar high like an eagle, with God's help!
Isaiah 40:31

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Lions WORKBOOK

Be bold as a lion, in God's power!
Proverbs 28:1

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PRIMARY - SAMPLE LESSON

Lesson
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Gideon - Mighty Man of Valour

Judges 6:1-40, 7:1-25

THEME VERSE

Judges 6: 15, 16 And he said to him, "Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." 16 And the Lord said to him, "But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man."



MEMORY VERSES

1 Corinthians 1:27 - But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

2 Chronicles 16:9 - For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him. You have done foolishly in this, for from now on you will have wars.

BIBLE LESSON

God's children were in trouble! There were a group of people called the Midianites, who were very strong and big in number and had many horses. These Midianites would come on their horses to the fields and homes of the Israelites (children of God) and take away whatever they would find! The Israelites were afraid of these Midianites and were even struggling to eat because even their food and everything they were growing on the fields would be taken away by the Midianites! The children of God cried out to God for help. God heard their cries and chose a man named Gideon to fight the Midianites!

You know what Gideon said when God chose him to fight the Midianites? Read the theme verse above! Gideon was not strong or famous. He thought he was too weak to do anything big. But God had a special plan for him. Even though Gideon was afraid, he trusted God and obeyed Him. God promised to be with Gideon and help him win. Gideon didn't go to battle with a large army. Instead, he had only 300 men with him. That was a very small number compared to the big army of Midianites they had to fight! But something amazing happened. Because Gideon obeyed and trusted God, God gave him the strength he needed. With just 300 men, Gideon and his team won the battle. The Midianites ran away, and the Israelites were finally free of fear and attack!

What an amazing victory! A big army running away from a small number of people - strange, but when God stands with a small number of people, no one can defeat them! Gideon learnt that God's power is enough for any victory! Sometimes we feel small, weak, or scared. But when we choose to obey God, He helps us. Gideon was not the strongest, but he was brave because he trusted in God's strength, not his own. Being courageous doesn't mean we are never scared. It means we do what's right even when we are scared, because we know God is with us.

So let's be like Gideon: brave, obedient, and trusting in God every day!



GOD DNA:
God's Strength

WOW:
COURAGE

LIVING IT OUT

Tony was a kind boy who went to school with his friend Mike. But some older kids were being mean to Mike. They would bully him, and everyone was too scared to help. Tony wanted to do something, but he was also afraid. One evening, Tony's mother told him the Bible story of Gideon. Gideon was a man who felt small and weak, but he trusted God and did something very brave. Tony listened carefully and felt encouraged. The next day at school, Tony made a brave choice. He told the teachers about the bullies who were bothering Mike. The teachers took action right away and stopped the bullying. Because Tony chose to be brave and do what was right, Mike was safe again. Just like Gideon, Tony learned that even if we feel small, we can still do big things when we choose courage and trust God.



MORAL OF THE STORY

- Obeying God is always the right choice, even when it's hard.
- God gives us strength when we feel weak or scared.
- Being brave means trusting God and standing up for what is right, not depending only on ourselves.

HOME ACTIVITY - 1

Gideon Word Search

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| ANGEL | TRUMPETS |
| ATTACK | TORCHES |
| CAMP | WARRIOR |
| DRINK | WEAKEST |
| FLEECE | WORSHIP |
| HANDS | THREE HUNDRED |
| JARS | THOUSAND |
| MIDIANITES | SWORD |
| PROOF | STRENGTH |



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HOME ACTIVITY - 2

What is Courage?

Be
Brave!

Courage is sometimes doing what others want to do but are too scared to do.



Think of a story you have read or a time in your life when you did something that others wanted to do but were scared to do. What happened?

I read a story where the character showed courage. Or once I showed courage when I

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CRAFT FOR THE DAY

Gideon's Horn

MATERIALS:

- Yellow craft paper for white paper coloured like brick
- Scissors
- Glue stick or tape
- Glue, marker or pen

STEPS:

- Step 1: Roll a sheet of paper into a cone shape or use a cone paper cup and cut the bottom off to make it a horn.
- Step 2: Wrap the horn with aluminium foil to give it a shiny trumpet look and add a paper mouthpiece if desired.
- Step 3: Optional: Attach a string to make it movable.

DESCRIPTION:

This horn reminds us of how Gideon obeyed God and led his troops into battle. Instead of swords, he used trumpets, jars, and torches to confuse the enemy. It teaches us that God can use small things and faithful hearts to win big victories.



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Heroes of FAITH

Evelyn Brand
(1879-1974)
Missionary in Tamil Nadu, India

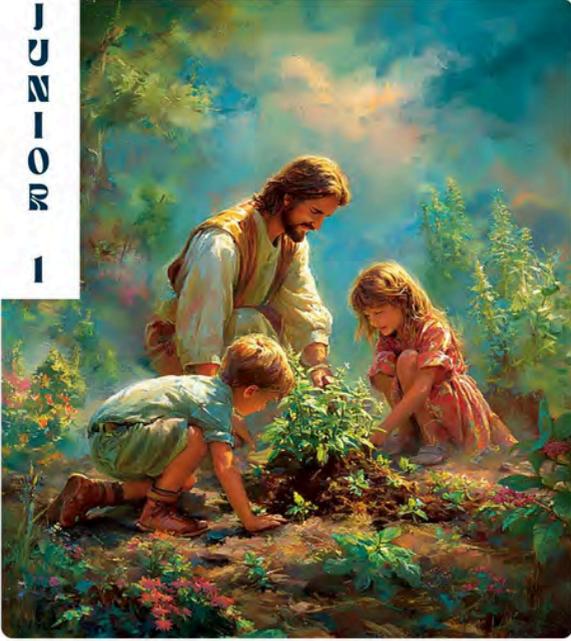
Evelyn Brand was born in an affluent family in London in 1879 and chose to serve the Lord as a missionary in the Southern hills of India at a young age. Much against her family's wishes, she travelled far seas and arrived in Tamil Nadu and began learning the Tamil language. She met a fellow Englishman who was also serving as a missionary on the east hills, and they were married soon after. Together, they served the people of the hills in difficult conditions but never once gave up on God's calling on their lives. It was 7 years before they saw the first convert. The couple's witness led the gospel to all five mountain ranges, even through the opposition agents; their work was visible. They taught the villagers better farming methods, treated their sick and even helped them build their houses. Sadly, Evelyn's husband passed away suddenly due to malaria, and the young wife and mother was distressed. She never forgot the love her husband and the fact made, and she returned to the hills after a period of grieving in England to begin the gospel work every soul. She devotedly remained by pony from one village to the other, sharing Jesus with one and all and became a mother to several abandoned children. She faced stiff resistance from religious people who tried to discourage her in every way. But Evelyn sought the lost and help for their hope was in the one true God 'Jehovah' as she came to be fondly known, and many several homes were being started up the hill on the Ganges that led to her. She travelled up and down the mountain ranges in numerous canoes, always subsiding with the joy of feet. One time a snake medicine was sent. Caring for abandoned children and teaching them about Jesus, Evelyn Brand died at the ripe old age of 94 in the hills, after having fulfilled the vow of sharing Jesus with all 5 mountain ranges.

"I tried to go where there is no one for the gospel about the love of Christ"
Evelyn Brand



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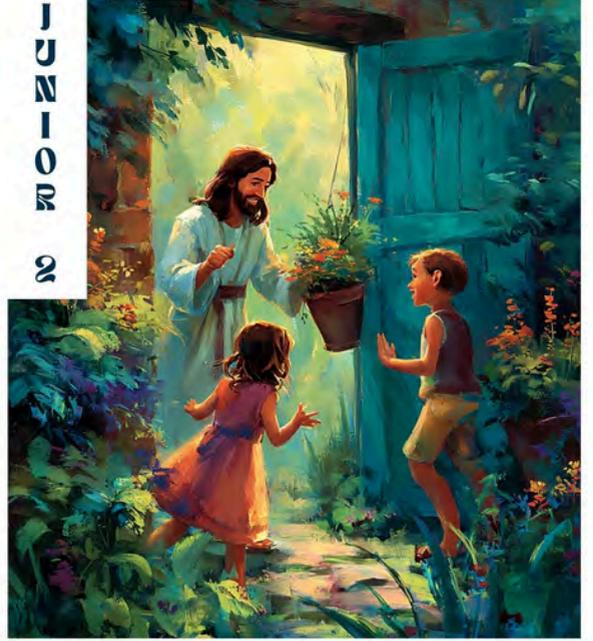


Sprouts WORKBOOK

Growing in wisdom and stature
LUKE 2:52

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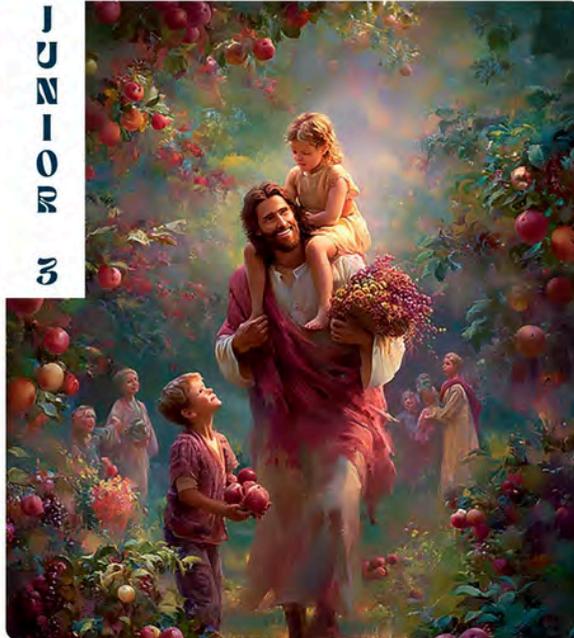


Blossoms WORKBOOK

Blooming in every good work
COLOSSIANS 1:10

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Fruits WORKBOOK

Abundant harvest for His glory
JOHN 15:8

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JUNIORS - SAMPLE LESSON

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The Kingdom of Heaven

Matthew 13

THEME VERSE

Matthew 13:45-46 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it..."



MEMORY VERSES

Daniel 2:44 - And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever.

Matthew 3:2 - "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

BIBLE LESSON



Jesus told lots of stories called parables to help us understand what the Kingdom of Heaven is like and how it's different from the world around us. Today, we're going to learn about one of those stories and what it means for us.

In the verse we read earlier, Jesus told a story about a merchant who was searching for a very special pearl. When he found it, he was so happy that he sold everything he owned just to buy that one pearl. That's how valuable and important it was to him. Jesus used this story to teach us about the Kingdom of Heaven and how precious the treasure of salvation is.

In this parable, the pearl stands for the kingdom which includes salvation and everything the Lord came to give us. Have you ever seen a real pearl? It's small but very beautiful and expensive. But pearls don't just appear overnight. They form slowly inside an oyster. It takes time, pressure, and patience. Something so lovely comes from a lot of work.

The Church that understands this identity of the kingdom is like that. After Jesus went back to heaven, the apostles worked hard to tell others about Him. They faced a lot of challenges. Some people didn't want to listen. Some were even angry. But the apostles didn't give up. They knew the message of Jesus was worth sharing, and through their efforts, the Church began to grow all over the world.

Today, having a church family is a special blessing. Many people around the world don't have the freedom to worship openly. So, we should never take it for granted. And remember, the Church isn't just a building, it's the people. You and I are the Church. We are like that precious pearl beautiful, unique, and made with love by God, not to just feel good and have a good life but to be His heart, hands and feet to establish His kingdom (the King's dominion) on earth as it is in heaven.

GOD DNA
God's Kingdom

Word Of the Week

TREASURE

LIVING IT OUT



Sisters Amina and Dalia loved making crafts. One day, their teacher gave the class a big project. They were asked to create something beautiful using only recycled materials. Dalia quickly glued bits together and finished early. Amina, however, took her time, cutting, shaping, and carefully designing a pearl made from paper and bottle caps.

When the projects were displayed, everyone was amazed by Amina's creation. "How did you make it so perfect?" Dalia asked.

Amina smiled, "I worked slowly, and it wasn't easy. But beautiful things take time, like real pearls!" From that day, the sisters learned to treasure what takes time to grow, whether it's a craft, a skill, or something deep inside the heart.

MORAL OF THE STORY

1. True treasure is worth everything. Just like the merchant gave up everything for the pearl, we should value God's kingdom above all else.
2. The Church that understands and operates as the kingdom of God is precious and built with love. Like a pearl formed with time and care, the Church was formed through the faith and hard work of Jesus' followers.
3. We are the Church. It's not about a building—it's about people who love and follow Jesus. We are His ambassadors, like representatives of heaven on earth. We are God's beautiful creation, like that pearl.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. Jesus told a story about a merchant searching for a special _____. The merchant sold everything he owned to buy the _____ pearl.
2. In the parable, the pearl stands for the _____. Pearls form slowly inside an _____.
3. We are the Church, and we are like a _____ pearl - beautiful and unique.

CRAFT FOR THE DAY

The Crown

MATERIALS:

- Yellow or gold chart paper
- Scissors, glue or tape
- Ruler and pencil
- Plastic gems, stickers, or sequins
- Cross cut-out (optional)
- Stapler (for extra sturdiness)



STEPS:

- Cut out long strips from gold paper and glue with loops crossing at the top.
- Attach a cross to the top center and decorate the crown with gems and stickers.
- Adjust the base size to fit the child's head, secure it, and wear it.

DESCRIPTION:

This majestic crown craft reminds us that Jesus is the King of kings (Revelation 19:16). As we create and decorate our own crowns, we can reflect on Christ's eternal reign and how we are part of His royal family through faith.



HOME ACTIVITY - 1

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HOME ACTIVITY - 2

Prayer Journal

PRAYER JOURNAL

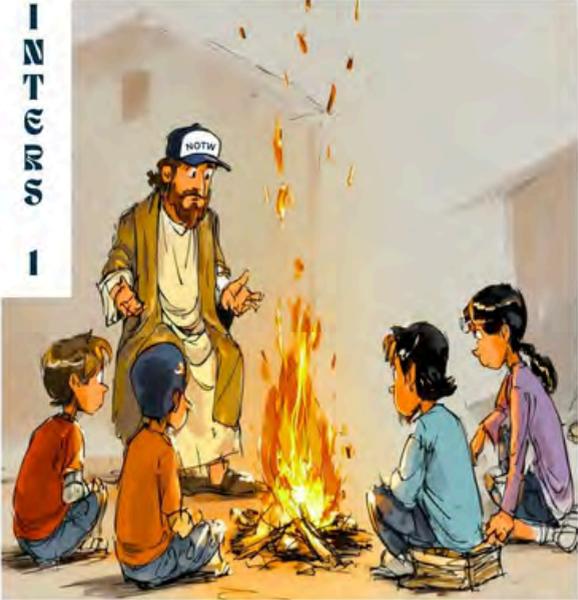
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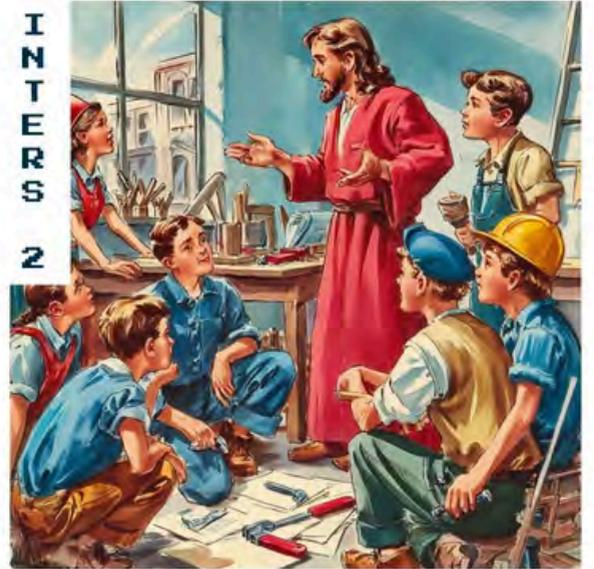


Firebrands WORKBOOK

Igniting Passion for His Word.
JEREMIAH 20:9

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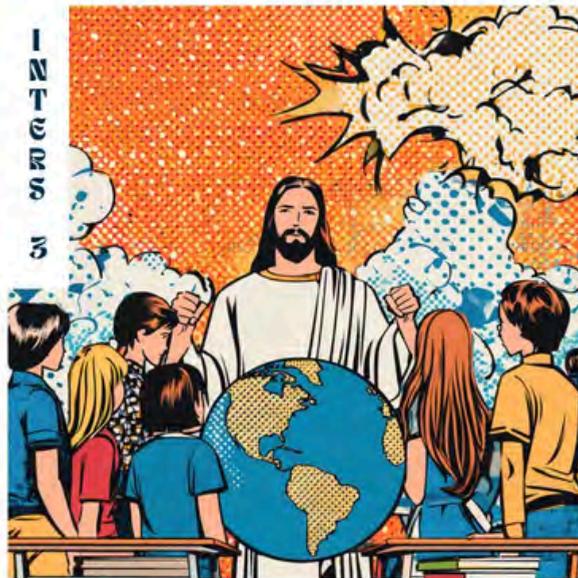
FIREBUILDERS WORKBOOK

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"BUILDING EACH
OTHER UP IN FAITH"



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"KEEPING THE FIRE OF
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INTERS - SAMPLE BIBLE LESSON

LEVEL 5: NATURE OF THE CHURCH THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

VERSES TO REMEMBER

John 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

Psalms 13

"He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."

RELATED REFERENCE VERSES:

John 15:1-8, Psalm 80:8-9

F.O.V. Back in the '90s, there was a show called Small Wonder. It was about a girl who was deeply loved by her family, but with a secret: she was a robot! She was super-efficient, always helping her siblings and family, and everything usually ran smoothly, until her circuits malfunctioned. Whenever her wires got crossed, she'd stop functioning properly, and her dad would have to fix her.

In John 15, Jesus said, "I am the Vine, and you are the branches." Just like her circuit, we need to stay connected to Jesus to truly live and grow. This lesson is all about discovering what that means, and how we can live it out every day.

In John 15:1-2 Jesus says, "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vine dresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit." Jesus used the illustration of the vine and the branches, which is a familiar sight for the people in Israel. The people saw vineyards everywhere, and many people worked in them. So when Jesus talked about vines and branches, His listeners immediately pictured what He meant.

When Jesus says we are the branches and He is the Vine, He's telling us something important: our lives are supposed to show that we belong to Him. That "showing" is what the Bible calls fruit. But why does it matter?

The branches grow directly out of the vine. Just like branches are meant to grow grapes, we are meant to grow good fruit. But we can't grow or bear good fruit on our own. We need to stay connected to Him. Just like a branch needs the vine to stay alive, when we abide in Jesus and let the Holy Spirit work in our hearts, the Fruit of the Holy Spirit comes in (Galatians 5:22-23). The fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, is what grows in us, which is the evidence that Jesus is working in us. This is how others can see that our faith is real.



PAUSE

Let us pause and look at what this means for us today! Sarah is a fun-loving and outgoing teen who goes to church every Sunday, sings all the songs, and even answers questions in class. But at school, she was rude to classmates, ignored kids who needed help, and never apologized when she hurt her brother's feelings. She looked like a "good Christian" on the outside, but her life wasn't showing the fruit of love and kindness Jesus taught. Just like a tree that looks fine but never grows fruit, Sarah wasn't staying connected to Jesus, and the proof was seen in how she lived.



Even healthy branches need help to grow stronger and produce more fruit. That's why Jesus says that the Heavenly Father is like a wise gardener who prunes the branches. Pruning means carefully cutting away anything that gets in the way of fruitfulness. In our lives, God lovingly removes the things that hold us back: bad habits, selfish attitudes, or anything that keeps us from growing more like Jesus.

PRUNING MAY BE UNCOMFORTABLE, BUT IT'S PART OF HOW GOD HELPS US BEAR EVEN MORE FRUIT.

If God is pruning us to help us grow, then we need to remain connected to the One who gives us life. That's why Jesus tells us to **abide in Him**, or remain in Him, trust Him, and let Him work in our hearts. Just like a branch can't grow fruit if it's cut off from the vine, we can't grow or bear fruit unless we remain connected to Jesus every day. And when we do bear good fruit, when our lives overflow with love, kindness, patience, and joy it brings glory to the Father. It shows the world that we truly belong to Him.



Let's see how things are going with Sarah. One day, after a rough week at school, the church teen's group was talking about the vine and the branches. Sarah realised she wasn't living like Jesus, and it bothered her. She prayed and asked God to help her change. That week, it wasn't easy. She felt challenged to say sorry to her brother, to be kind to a classmate she didn't like, and to include someone who always sat alone. It was uncomfortable, like something inside her was being trimmed and reshaped.



But slowly, Sarah began to change. She started showing more kindness, more patience, and more love, not just at church, but at home and at school too. That was God pruning her heart. Which means removing things that didn't belong and helping her grow stronger and more like Jesus. And as she stayed connected to Him through prayer, reading the Bible, and making better choices, her life began to produce real fruit. Fruit that made others notice and fruit that made God smile.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. You cannot grow real, lasting fruit without Jesus. He is your source of life.
2. Being a "good Christian" on the outside isn't enough. Real change happens only when you are deeply connected to Jesus every day.
3. The Father prunes us by cutting away anything in our lives that keeps us from growing, so we can bear even more fruit. Pruning may be uncomfortable, but it's a sign that God is helping you grow deeper and stronger. He removes bad habits, challenges our attitudes, or let's us walk through hard things. It's not to punish us. It's to strengthen us, and help us become more like Jesus.

DISCUSS

1. Jesus said, "I am the True Vine." What are some things we might try to connect ourselves to instead of Jesus (like popularity, social media, friends, success)? Why do those things fail to give us real life?
2. What does "fruit" look like in your life right now? Have you ever tried to grow on your own without God's help? What happened?
3. Why do you think God needs to "prune" us? What might pruning look like in your life?
4. How can you tell if someone is truly abiding (staying connected) in Jesus? What would their life look like?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

1. Choose one way to practice abiding in Jesus.
2. Abiding means not just hearing His words, but doing what they say. Decide to abide in Jesus in one specific area. When you read in your Bible "love your neighbour", you choose to live it out. Abiding also means saying no to things that pull you away from God, like gossip, cheating, or lying and saying yes to things that reflect His heart.
3. Talking to Jesus throughout the day. Pray for forgiveness when someone's being unkind, when you're nervous about a test, or when you feel thankful. Treat Jesus like your best friend. He's always with you.

HYMN FOR THE WEEKEND

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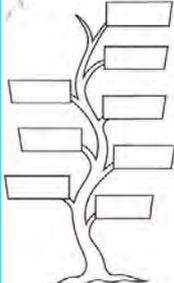
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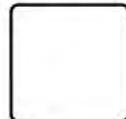
HOME DEVOTIONAL

STAY CONNECTED

Write or draw one way you stayed connected to Jesus each day



Things to prune or remove and ask God to remove it



Which "Fruit of the Spirit" did you notice most in your life this week?

Which one do you want to see grow more next week?

Match each Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) with a real-life example.

- Love:
- Joy:
- Peace:
- Patience:
- Kindness:
- Goodness:
- Faithfulness:
- Gentleness:
- Self-control:

Examples:

- a) Smiling and staying thankful even when plans change
- b) Choosing not to argue when someone provokes you
- c) Helping a classmate with homework without expecting anything
- d) Trusting God even when life is hard
- e) Apologizing kindly after accidentally hurting someone
- f) Waiting your turn without complaining
- g) Sharing your lunch with someone who forgot theirs
- h) Refusing to lie even if it's easier
- i) Comforting a friend who is sad



INTERS - SAMPLE NOTW LESSON

21 RELATIONSHIPS Family & Parents

VERSES TO REMEMBER

"Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honour."
ROMANS 12:10

"Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you."
EXODUS 20:12

RELATED REFERENCE VERSES
Psalm 34:18, Ephesians 6:4, Psalm 139:14, 2 Corinthians 13-4, John 7:5, Genesis 50:20, Luke 4:30, Ephesians 14-5, Psalm 68:6, Psalm 18:2

P.O.V
If you had to describe your family in one emoji, what would it be and why? Let's be honest, what's the hardest thing about dealing with your family? What's something you wish your family understood about you, but they don't?

Let that set the tone. Let's talk. Family is complicated. But we're not alone in it.



LESSON

Before there were schools, besties, Dads, or friend groups. There was family.



Whether it's your parents, siblings, cousins, or grandparents, family is the first place we learn how to love, fight, forgive, and grow. And let's be honest: it's also where we learn just how complicated love can get.

You may come from a loving home, or you might come from chaos. Maybe you feel seen and safe. Or maybe... you feel invisible, overlooked, and honestly, exhausted from pretending you're okay.

But no matter what your family looks like, this one thing is true: God cares deeply about your family and about how you treat them, after all.

Do choose your family.

And before we jump into how to deal with family, we need to get it straight first: You can't love your family well without having a relationship with Jesus first.

Only He can help you handle what feels unfair. Only He can bring peace into places that have known shouting, silence, or shame.

So now... let's talk about the different kinds of family situations and how we can walk through each one with God.

Part 1: When family is mostly good... but sometimes hard

Maybe you live in a home where your parents love you, provide for you, and are trying their best. That's a huge blessing, trust me. But even in secure homes, things can get frustrating.

Your mom reminds you for the 17th time to study. Your dad points out what you could've done better. Your sibling keeps barging into your room without knocking. Your cousins act like they run the whole family group chat. You love them. But you also kind of want space from them.

Let's talk about parents for a second.

Trust me they're trying. They may not always get it right, but a lot of what feels like nagging is actually love in action. The pressure they put on you? Sometimes it comes from the weight they carry, work stress, bills, health, responsibilities and their deep desire for you to have a better future.

"You don't get to choose the family you're born into. But you do get to choose how you love them - with Jesus beside you."

Exodus 20:12 says: "Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long..." God isn't saying "your parents are perfect." He's saying: Respect them anyway. Because when you honour your parents, even when you disagree, you honour God.

And when it comes to siblings and cousins? Romans 12:10 says: "Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves..." So next time your brother breaks your earphones or your cousin throws shade at a family event, you can snap back, or you can pause, breathe, and say, "Hey, I didn't like that. Can we not do that again?"

That's maturity. That's honouring God, even when it's hard.



The world tells you to cancel, toxic people, even your parents. But Jesus invites you to live differently. He calls you to love radically, forgive boldly, and trust Him deeply, even in messy, painful family situations. You don't love like the world. You love like Him. #NotOfThisWorld #JesusGetIt #GodRestoresFamilies

And if your mom always compares you to your sibling? Don't just lash out. Instead, honour her while being honest. "Mom, it hurts when I'm compared. Can we talk about it?"

Love doesn't mean pretending things don't bother you, it means dealing with them with God's help.

Part 2: Not all homes feel safe or whole... Some are broken.

Let's be real: Not everyone comes from a stable home. Some of you reading this might say, "Yeah, that's not my life." But others can totally relate to it and are hurting right now.

Maybe some of your parents are divorced. Maybe you're being raised by your grandparents. Maybe your dad walked out. Maybe your home is full of screaming, tension, and doors slamming. Maybe you've cried under the blanket at night, wondering, "Is this my fault?"

Read this slowly: **It is. Not. Your. Fault.**

Psalm 34:18 says: "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; He rescues those whose spirits are crushed."

God sees. He hears. He stays. And Jesus? His own family didn't believe in Him either (John 7:5). He gets the ache.



God sees you!

So what do you do? Talk to Him. Even if all you can say is "God, I'm tired."

Forgive slowly. If one parent left or hurt you, forgiveness doesn't mean pretending it didn't happen. It means letting God hold the pain.

Find safe people. A youth leader, teacher, or pastor who follows Jesus can help you process what's going on.

And remember Joseph? Sold by his own brothers. In fact, they wanted to kill him. Betrayed by blood. But God was with him, and in time, Joseph said: **"What you meant for evil, God turned for good."** (Genesis 50:20) Your story isn't over. God is still in control.

Part 3: When home feels dysfunctional and toxic

And that's not sugarcoat it: some family situations are more than "difficult." They're damaging. The kind no one wants to talk about... but some of you live through it.

There was this girl, let's call her Rhea. She grew up watching her dad cheat on her mom. She saw her mom spiral, scream, cry, even try to end her life. Both her parents became alcoholics.

At that moment, she had to become the adult in the house, trying to keep peace, hold things together, and survive the emotional explosions. While her parents drowned in their mess, she was drowning in silence, managing them instead of being raised by them, all while she was still a teen.

She grew up fast. Too fast. She carried trauma, depression, anxiety, and pain that ran deep. That's what dysfunction does: it doesn't just hurt your heart. It breaks foundation.

But even in that storm, Rhea found Jesus. She began praying: desperate, messy, broken prayers. And God starts shifting things. Slowly, forgiveness came. Peace came. Healing came. Now? Her home: once a battlefield, is filled with laughter and love. All because Jesus stepped in. He restored and redeemed a broken home and broken hearts, that was once a far-fetched dream.



God's forgiveness HEALS.



Ephesians 6:4 says: "Parents, do not provoke your children to anger..."

God sees what you've been through. He's not blind to injustice or pain. Trust Him. Invite Him into your pain and suffering.



So if you're in a home like that. **Speak up to God. Get help.** This is not rebellion, this is wisdom. **Set boundaries.** Jesus walked away from unsafe people, too (Luke 4:30). You do not have to handle all things on your own. Give control to God and let Him do the magic. **Stay rooted.** Ephesians 14 says God chose you. Your identity is not in your family's dysfunction, it's in Christ.

And don't forget, forgiveness is not saying it didn't matter. Forgiveness is saying, "God, I give this to You and I won't carry it alone anymore."

Part 4: When Your Parents Are Just... Emotionally Absent.

Some of you don't come from abusive or chaotic homes. You come from homes where your parents are just... emotionally distant. They work. They provide. You have the clothes, the phone, the Wi-Fi. But no "How are you, really?" No "I'm proud of you." No warmth. No safety net.

Hear this: You're not ungrateful. You're just human. Every heart longs to be known, not just provided for.

Let me tell you about Isaac. His parents weren't around much, always working, always tired. He was mostly raised by his grandparents, who weren't even Christian. But his grandpa? He taught him patience, gentleness, and strength.



Years later, Isaac gave his life to Jesus and realised God had used every season, his time with his grandparents, to build his foundation. He uses grandpa in his life, exactly how He used Eli, the priest to build and shape S3

God can use your pain. He can use your story, even the parts that hurt, to: something beautiful.

2 Corinthians 13-4 says: God is the "Father of compassion and the God of comfort." He doesn't just show up. He stays close.

Bottom Line...

Your family might not be perfect. It might be broken. It might be distant. It might even be scary. But your responses? That's between you and Jesus.

You can still: **Honour:** even when you don't agree. **Forgive:** even when it hurts. **Heal:** even when it feels impossible.

Jesus lived in a human family too. He gets it. **With Him, you can choose love, even in hard places.**



WORLD SAYS

"If your family's messed up, cut them off and move on. You don't owe anyone anything."

I-SAY "I just want to feel seen, safe, and not like I'm carrying everything alone."

GOD SAYS God isn't blind to your family drama. He sees the slammed doors, the treatments, the unfair circumstances. He sees the missing hugs, the angry y the long nights when you cried under your blanket. And He cares, more than you know.

You weren't dropped into your family by accident. God has a plan, even when it doesn't make sense. He knows the pain of being misunderstood, even Jesus' own family didn't believe in Him (John 7:5). He knows the ache of abandonment. Jesus felt it too (Matthew 27:46).

But here's the powerful part: God doesn't just understand. He stays. Psalm 34:18 says He's close to the brokenhearted. He's not waiting for your family to be perfect. He wants to walk with you in the middle of the mess.

He offers comfort when your parents don't. Wisdom when you don't know how to respond. Courage to speak up when something's wrong. And the strength to forgive, even when it hurts.

God's not done with your family. And He's not done with you, either.

Through Jesus, you're never alone. You are chosen (Ephesians 1:4), held (Psalm 135:2), and deeply loved, not because your family is perfect, but because He is.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1 Family isn't always easy — even when it's good. And when it's broken or dysfunctional, it can really hurt. But no matter what, God sees it all and wants to walk with you through it.
- 2 God doesn't call us to be perfect family members — He calls us to be faithful. With Jesus, you can learn how to honour, forgive, speak up, and set healthy boundaries.
- 3 Your family story doesn't have to define you. Jesus can bring peace, healing, and even restoration — no matter how damaged the past has been.



The true light which give light to everyone, was coming in the world

John 1:9

HOME DEVOTIONAL

God gave you your family for a reason, even if it's hard sometimes. Through the Grace of God you are called for a purpose in your house.

HOW SHOULD YOU PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY?

Praying for your family shows love. It's one of the best ways to care for them. You might not be able to solve every problem, but you can always pray and God will listen. When you pray for your family, you're inviting God to protect, guide, and bless them.

- 1 FORGIVE**
Ephesians 4:32
Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
Pray for a heart that forgives when someone in your family hurts you or makes a mistake.
- 2 GRATITUDE**
1 Thessalonians
Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
Thank God for your family, even when things aren't perfect.
- 3 LOVE**
1 Corinthians 16:14
Let all that you do, be done in love.
Ask God to help you love your family better: with your words, actions, and attitude.
- 4 LET GOD WORK**
Proverbs 3:5
Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.
Trust God's plan even when you don't understand. Allow Him to bring peace and direction.

CHECK YOUR HEART

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| 1. I respect my parents, even when we disagree. | ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 2. I show kindness to my siblings/cousins, even when they annoy me. | ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 3. I communicate honestly when something hurts me, instead of bottling it up or exploding. | ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 4. I forgive family members when they hurt me. | ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 5. I pray for my family and ask God to help me love them. | ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ |

FAMILY TRAFFIC LIGHT CHECK

Think about each main relationship in their family (parents, siblings, grandparents, etc.) and place it in one of these "lights":

GREEN THINGS ARE GOOD HERE. WE'RE GROWING, COMMUNICATING, AND THERE'S PEACE.

YELLOW IT'S OKAY, BUT SOMETIMES TENSE. I NEED PATIENCE, FORGIVENESS, OR BETTER COMMUNICATION.

RED THIS FEELS REALLY HARD. BROKEN, OR EVEN PAINFUL. I NEED GOD'S HELP HERE. MESSY.

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK

Father God, thank You for putting me in my family. You see the good, the messy, and even the painful parts. Help me honour my parents, love my siblings, and forgive when it's hard. Fill my heart with Your peace and patience, and remind me that I'm never alone. You are always with me. In Jesus' name I pray.

AMEN.

DISCUSS

1. What part of family life is the hardest for you right now — and what do you think God wants to show you through it?
2. Have you ever felt unseen, compared, or misunderstood by someone in your family? How did that make you feel — and how do you think God sees you in that moment?
3. Think about Jesus — if He were in your family situation right now, how would He respond? How might He want you to respond, with His help?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

This week, try at least one of these:

1. Encourage someone in your family — even if they're annoying. Say, "Hey, thanks for dinner," or "I appreciate you helping out." Small seeds grow big peace.
2. Pray for the one person in your family who's the hardest to love. Ask Jesus to show you how He sees them.
3. Write out your honest feelings about your family in a journal. Don't filter it. Then read it back, and ask Jesus to meet you in each part of your story.



HVIN FOR THE WEEKEND

THE BLESSING AND GOD



SENIORS



SENIORS 1

Kingdom Pioneers WORKBOOK

"UNLOCKING DOORS FOR THE KINGDOM"

MATTHEW 16:19

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SENIORS 2

Kingdom Warriors WORKBOOK

"STANDING STRONG WITH GOD'S TRUTH"

EPHESIANS 6:17

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SENIORS 3

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SENIORS - SAMPLE BIBLE LESSON

WHO IS GOD? The Names of God

VERSES TO REMEMBER:

Yahweh - I AM

John 8:58

Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

Exodus 3:14

God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

2. Jehovah Jireh - The Lord Will Provide

Philippians 4:19

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Genesis 22:14

So Abraham called the name of that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

3. Melech Ha Goyim - King of Nations

Revelation 15:3

And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are our ways, O King of the nations!"

Jeremiah 10:7

Who would not fear you, O King of the nations? For this is your due; for among all the wise ones of the nations and in all their kingdoms there is none like you.

RELATED REFERENCE VERSES

1. **Yahweh** - Isaiah 41:4; John 6:35
2. **Jehovah Jireh** - Psalm 23:1; Rom 8:28; Matt 6:25-26
3. **Melech Ha Goyim** - Psalm 47:7; Daniel 4:25

Jehovah Jireh - The Lord Will Provide

This name shows up in one of the most intense moments in the Bible, Genesis 22, where Abraham is about to sacrifice Isaac. But at the last second, God provides a ram in the thicket. That's when Abraham names the place **Jehovah Jireh**, which means: **The Lord Will Provide**.

Not maybe. Not if we're lucky. **WILL**.

And that's not just about money or things. It's about **everything we truly need** wisdom, strength, courage, peace, and purpose.

For Maya, the name Jehovah Jireh started to mean something when her family hit a really hard patch financially. College felt like a long shot. Anxiety started to creep in. She prayed, "God, I don't need a lottery ticket, I need you to show me You see me."

Then came the email: she'd been selected for a scholarship program. One she hadn't even remembered applying for. Her eyes filled with tears, and she scribbled on a sticky note:

Jehovah Jireh - He sees, He knows, He provides.

She stuck it inside her journal as a reminder that provision isn't about control, it's about trust.



Melech Ha Goyim - King of Nations - Supreme Authority

Let's fast forward to Revelation; the last book of the Bible. Jesus is worshipped as **Melech Ha Goyim** (Revelation 15:3).

It's not just poetic; this is the ultimate reality.

Here, God isn't described as just the God of one group, one tribe, or one country. He is King over **every nation, every ruler, every era**. He governs galaxies and guards your heart.

P.O.V

Have you ever Googled your name just to see what pops up? Maybe it's your social profiles, an old quiz you forgot about, or someone else with your name who's way more famous than you. Names carry something, right? They tell stories. They hold meaning. Some make us proud. Others not so much.

But have you ever thought about God's names?

Not just "God" or "Lord", but names like **Yahweh**, **Jehovah Jireh**, or **Melech Ha Goyim**.

They're not just titles, they're revelations. Each one pulls back the curtain a little more on who He is. Today, we're not just learning vocabulary. We're discovering the kind of God who says:

"I AM always here."

"I see your need, and I've already got it covered."

"I don't just rule over church people, I rule the universe."

Let's dive in.

LESSON

You know how in superhero movies, the name alone carries weight? Say "Iron Man", and you instantly think genius, suit, sacrifice. Say "Black Panther", and you think royalty, legacy, power. That means - names aren't just labels. They carry meaning. Identity. Authority.

Now think about this: **What if God's names tell us who He is?**

Not just distant titles we memorize, but personal windows into His character.

In the Bible, when God reveals His names, He's not trying to sound fancy. He's showing us His heart. And today, we're going to unpack three names that aren't just ancient terms; they're invitations to know Him deeper.

Yahweh - I AM

Jehovah Jireh - The Lord Will Provide
Melech Ha Goyim - King of Nations, Ruler Over All



But instead of just studying them, let's step into Maya's story, because these names didn't just stay on the page for her Bible. They showed up in real life, when she needed them most.

Yahweh - I AM

Back in the book of Exodus, Moses is standing near a burning bush, probably sweating and stuttering, when he asks God,

"Who should I say sent me?"

God replies, **"I AM WHO I AM"** (Exodus 3:14). In Hebrew? That's **Yahweh**.

This is God saying:

"I don't have an origin story."

I don't need one.

I have always been.

I will always be.

I AM everything you need, forever."

Yahweh is not a character. He's reality itself.

Now let's pause and look at Maya's story:

Maya had grown up around the church all her life, but as she got older, especially stepping into high school, she started asking deeper questions: "Who is God, really? Is He even real? Or just a distant thought?"

One night, while reading **John 8:58**, where Jesus says, "Before Abraham was, I AM," something clicked.

Jesus was **claiming Yahweh's identity**.

And if that was true, it changes everything.

Maya whispered, "God, if You really are I AM, then that means You're not just in my past. You're in my **now**. You're not just a memory. You're **present**."

She started talking to God less like a concept, and more like a Person who is

HYMN FOR THE WEEKEND



TAKEAWAYS

1. **Yahweh is the eternal "I AM"**, not just a God of the past; but the God of right now. His presence is constant and personal.
2. **Jehovah Jireh provides what we need**, often before we even know we need it, not just materially, but emotionally, spiritually, and relationally.
3. **Melech Ha Goyim is King of Nations**, reminding us He is **sovereign over all governments, chaos, cultures, and even our daily lives**. His authority brings peace, not panic.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

1. **Call on the name that fits your moment.** Feeling lost? Whisper "Yahweh" and remember He's with you now. Worried about something? Say "Jehovah Jireh," and believe He sees ahead. Overwhelmed by the world? Say "King of Nations," He still reigns.
2. **Shift your lens from panic to presence**, instead of asking, "Why is this happening?" try asking, "Which name of God speaks to this moment?" Let who He is, reshape how you respond.

DISCUSS

1. When you think of the name "Yahweh", I AM, what does that mean for your everyday life? How does knowing God is present, not just historical or future, change how you face your current struggles or decisions?
2. Jehovah Jireh means "The Lord Will Provide." Can you think of a time when you were worried about something, big or small, and God came through in a way you didn't expect? What does trusting Him to provide look like this week?
3. What does it mean to call God the "Melech ha Goyim-King of Nations" in a world full of chaos, broken systems, and fear, how might recognizing His kingship help you see global events, social injustice, or even school pressure through a new lens?
4. If someone asked you which name of God means the most to you right now, which would you pick, and why? How can you let that name shape the way you pray, think, or act this week?

During a school debate, Maya had to defend her faith, and honestly, she was terrified. Everyone else seemed louder, smarter, and more confident. Right before she spoke, she whispered, "King of Nations, You're in charge, not just of the world, but of this moment."

She didn't preach. She just spoke from her heart.

Not perfect, but brave.

Later that night, someone DM'd her and said, "I don't usually care about the God stuff, but something you said made me want to read more."

That's what the **Melech Ha Goyim-King of Nations** does.

He reigns not by force, but by truth and love. And He invites us to walk in that authority too.

So What Does All This Mean?

God's names aren't just part of the Bible because they sound fancy. They're for real life. They speak to our **NOW**.

Yahweh reminds us that God is present; He always is.

Jehovah Jireh assures us that God sees and provides, even before we ask.

Melech Ha Goyim reminds us He is King of Nations, meaning God is in control, even when the world feels like it isn't.

And for Maya, and maybe for you, these names didn't just teach her about God. They changed how she saw herself, her fears, and her future.

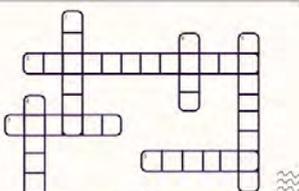
Because when we know who He is,

You begin to live like we're **never alone, never forgotten, and always held**.



Some Devotional

God's names reveal who He truly is - present, provider, and King. When you know His name, you begin to trust His nature.



CLUES

ACROSS

1. "The Lord will provide" - God showed this name to Abraham when he provided a ram. (Genesis 22:14)
2. Jesus says He is the "I AM" who says down His like to the Jews. (John 8:19)
3. The name we call Jesus because He speaks us from us. (Luke 2:1)
4. The very first name we learn about God in Genesis - He made the world! (Genesis 1)

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5. The eternal name of God - "I AM WHO I AM." (Exodus 3:14)
6. A myth-like showing God's authority over heaven and earth. (Psalm 47:7)
7. Jesus taught us to pray to God using this relational name. (Matthew 6:9)

Who is God to you?

If someone asks you who God is to you, what would you tell them? What are 5 words you would use to describe God in your life?



SENIORS - SAMPLE NOTW LESSON

EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH Conquest of The Mind

ROMANS 12:2
Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:5
We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

RELATED REFERENCE VERSES
Philippians 4:8, Isaiah 26:5, Colossians 3:2, James 1:8, Romans 8:6, Proverbs 4:23, 1 Peter 1:15

P.O.V
Imagine your brain is like a playlist on shuffle. Now imagine that half the songs on it were put there by people who don't even know you. Social media, that one buddy in 12th grade, random reels, your ex-best friend, even the enemy. But here's the twist: you've been playing it on repeat for so long, you've started believing the lyrics. Thoughts like: "I'll never be enough." "I'm so orange." "I miss everything up." "If I disappear, no one would even notice." "If I were a ghost, would you still care?" But what if, those thoughts aren't you? What if your mind has been hacked? The mind is a battlefield. And your way to win the war is to stop letting your thoughts run wild and start making them obey the truth. So the real question is: Who's managing your mental playlist, you, the world, or God?



LESSON:
The greatest war you'll ever fight won't be on a battlefield. It will be in your head. The enemy doesn't need to run your life if he can run your thoughts, because once your mind is confused, fearful, or hopeless, your heart and decisions follow.

Most of the time, your biggest battles aren't external. It's not the grades, not the relationships, not the future. It's what your mind tells you about all those things. Your mind is a magnet. Whatever you dwell on attracts your direction.

That's why the Bible says in Proverbs 23:7: "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he."

The Daily Mind War
Every day, your mind gets flooded with thoughts: "What if I fail?" "They probably hate me." "Why is life even worth it?" "No one gets me." "God doesn't speak to me."

These thoughts don't come with warning labels. They disguise themselves as truth. But if you never confront them, they start to shape your identity. And soon, you're living a life that's smaller than what God called you to, not because of reality, but because of a lie you believed.

Example?
Say you have one awkward moment in class. You tell yourself: "I'm socially awkward, I ruin everything." That thought becomes a belief. That belief becomes a behavior. You start avoiding people. Having conversations. Isolating yourself. And all of it started with one sentence in your mind. Thoughts are powerful. But they're not always true. That's why we don't just need "positive vibes," or a better mood. We need truth. And truth only comes from one place: the Word of God.



"Your mind is a battlefield. Don't let the enemy win by default, renew it daily with TRUTH."

What Does the Bible Say About Your Mind?

In Romans 12:2, Paul writes: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Notice something: Paul doesn't say "change your behaviour" first. He says: **renew your mind**, because transformation begins in your thoughts. Inside-Out.

Want a changed life? Start with a changed mind. In 2 Corinthians 10:5, Paul says: "...bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ." This means you have authority, with Christ, to **arrest wrong thoughts**, question them, and replace them with truth. It's not about pretending bad thoughts don't exist. It's about learning how to identify, confront, and conquer them.



The 3 Kinds of Thoughts You Might Face Daily as You Grow Older:

God thoughts - Filled with peace, clarity, conviction (not shame).
E.g. "I am loved. I am chosen. I can thrive through Christ."

Flesh thoughts - Self-centered, insecure.
E.g. "I need to prove myself. What I don't like me?"

Enemy thoughts - Condemning, can be hopeless, shaming.
E.g. "You'll never change. You always miss. Why even try?"

The enemy isn't creative. He just repeats old lies in new ways. But you **don't have to believe everything you think**. That's where worship, prayer, and the Word of God come in. You can't just "hope" your mind gets better. You have to **guard it**. You don't win the mind war by ignoring the battle. You win it by **fighting with God's weapons**.

Every time you declare Scripture, every time you pray through fear, every time you pause to worship, you take territory back from the enemy. This isn't self-help. It's spiritual warfare, so you need divine help.

And the best part? You're not fighting for victory. You're fighting from victory, because Jesus already won it for you. Let this be your mindset: "I will not let fear think for me. I will not let shame speak over me. I belong to Jesus. And my mind will too."

Don't be ruled by random thoughts. Be renewed by God's truth, take your mind back into your control and give it to God to control.
#MindOverMatter
#LetGodBeGod

TAKEAWAYS

- Your thoughts shape your life, but you get to choose them. Just because a thought shows up, doesn't mean it's true. You have the power to challenge, replace, and align thoughts with God's Word.
- Your mind is a target, but you're not defenseless. The enemy knows that if he can take over your thoughts, he can take over your life. But God has given you armour: truth, prayer, Scripture, and worship.
- Renewal is a process, not a one-time fix. You don't win the mind war by just going to church once. You win it by daily inviting God into your thoughts, letting Him rewrite them from the inside out.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- Worship resets your focus. When your thoughts spiral, don't just scroll, worship. Even a 2-minute song can shift your atmosphere. Worship invites God into your storm.
- Prayer breaks the loop. Instead of overthinking the same thing for hours, turn that thought into a prayer. "God, this anxiety is louder than usual. I don't know what's true right now, help me hear You."
- God's Word rewrites the narrative. Memorize one verse a week. Speak it out loud. When thoughts lie, fight back with truth. (Jesus did that in the wilderness, so can you.)
- Talk to someone godly. God can use mentors, pastors, and even friends to offer perspective. Your mind gets stronger in community, not isolation.

DISCUSS

- What are some common thoughts you have about yourself that may not be true?
- Have you ever noticed a time when your thoughts changed your behaviour, for better or worse?
- Why do you think the enemy attacks our minds first? What's at stake if we let him win?
- What does it practically mean to "take every thought captive"? Can you give an example?
- Which verse or worship song helps you fight off negative thinking when it gets overwhelming?

HYMN FOR THE WEEKEND



"CHANGE YOUR THOUGHTS AND YOU CHANGE YOUR WORLD."

Norman Vincent Peale

THOUGHTS SHAPE REALITY.

"FOR AS HE THINKS IN HIS HEART, SO IS HE."
PROVERBS 23:7

Overthrow to Overcome

- "I am God's masterpiece, created with purpose." (Psalm 139:14)
- "I am fully loved, even in my imperfection." (Romans 5:8)
- "God's peace guards my heart and mind." (Philippians 4:6-7)
- "Others face this too, and God provides a way out." (1 Corinthians 10:13)
- "I am being transformed daily by God's Spirit." (2 Corinthians 3:17)
- "I live to please God, not chase approval." (Galatians 1:10)
- "I can be honest with God, He gives me rest." (Matthew 11:28)
- "I am called to impact the world for God's glory." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Embracing Thoughts and Values Worksheet

| Question | Answer | Notes |
|--|--------|-------|
| What difficult thoughts or feelings are you experiencing? | | |
| What is your primary value or goal in life? | | |
| How do these thoughts or feelings affect your behavior? | | |
| What would you do if you weren't afraid of these thoughts or feelings? | | |
| How can you accept these thoughts or feelings? | | |
| What actions can you take that align with your values? | | |
| What is one small step you can take today? | | |
| How will you know when you have taken this step? | | |
| What will you say to yourself to encourage acceptance? | | |
| How do you feel after considering these aspects? | | |

Cure for Negative thoughts

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