



Master Plan • G2R Bible Survey • Matthew to John • SS5211

The Gospels: Matthew to John

Lesson & Title	Bible Truth	Lesson Aims	Memory Work
1 God's Story of Redemption	The Bible is God's story of salvation through Jesus Christ. God promised to send the Messiah in the Old Testament and fulfilled his promise in the New Testament. (Luke 24; 2 Timothy 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To recall key events, people, and promises in the Old Testament. To understand that the Bible is God's story of salvation through Christ. To grow in our relationship with Christ through worship, devotions, and prayer. 	In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. John 1:1-2
2 The Gospels Teach about Jesus	God inspired the four Gospel writers to record the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Matt. 1-2; Mark 1-2; Luke 1-2; John 1-2, 20)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To introduce the four Gospels. To compare and contrast the Gospels. To evaluate how the Gospels strengthen our relationship with Jesus Christ. 	In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. John 1:1-2
3 Jesus Fulfilled Old Testament Prophecies	The Gospel writers showed how Jesus fulfilled God's Old Testament prophecies to send the Messiah to save his people from their sins. (selected Old Testament and Gospels passages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To connect Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah with their fulfillment in the New Testament. To explore what it means to grow in knowing and trusting Jesus, the Messiah. 	All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. John 1:3
4 Jesus' Birth and Childhood	Jesus Christ is God the Son, who has always existed with the Father. The Father sent Jesus to become a man and the promised Messiah. He was born in Bethlehem, and at 12 years old he amazed the teachers with his wisdom. (Matt. 1-2; Luke 1-2; John 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To explore Jesus' birth and childhood. To learn the culture of the New Testament. To learn that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and has always existed with the Father. To understand what it means to receive and believe in Christ. 	In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:4-5
5 Jesus Was Baptized and Tempted	John the Baptist fulfilled Old Testament prophecy as he prepared the way for the Messiah. After John baptized Jesus, the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by Satan. Jesus quoted God's Word to resist Satan. (Matt. 3-4; Mark 1; Luke 3-4; John 1; Heb. 2, 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To compare what the four Gospels record about John the Baptist and Jesus' baptism and temptation. To commit to memorizing, meditating on, and applying God's Word to help us when we're tempted. 	Review John 1:1-5
6 Jesus Called Disciples and Performed Miracles	Jesus called 12 apostles to leave everything and follow him. They traveled with him, heard him teach, and observed his miracles. Jesus performed miracles so that people would believe he's the promised Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing they may have eternal life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review who the 12 apostles were. To discover why Jesus did miracles. To believe that Jesus' miracles point us to his power to save us. To acknowledge that believing in the Savior means following him. 	There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. John 1:6-7
7 Jesus Ministered to All Kinds of People	Jesus ministered to people from all walks of life who responded to him in different ways. (John 3-4, 7, 11, 19; Luke 4, 10, 11, 19; Matt. 19)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To see how Jesus dealt with a wide variety of people and how they responded. To discover that most people didn't understand who Jesus was and what he came to do. To examine our responses to Jesus. 	There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. John 1:6-7
8 Jesus Taught about His Kingdom	Jesus declared he is the great "I Am", the Bread of Life; the Light of the World; the Good Shepherd; the Resurrection; and the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He preached the Sermon on the Mount to teach his followers about the character of citizens of the kingdom of grace. (Matt. 5-7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand who Jesus is from his "I am" statements. To explore the Sermon on the Mount. To thank God for the character of Christ he is producing in us and the blessings he gives us through the Holy Spirit. 	He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. John 1:8-9
9 Jesus Taught in Parables	Jesus spoke to the people in parables to teach about the kingdom of heaven. (Matt. 6, 13, 18; Luke 10, 12, 15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand what a parable is and why Jesus used parables to teach people. To study six parables of Jesus and understand what he was teaching. To apply to our lives what we've learned from the parables. 	He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. John 1:10-11
10 Jesus' Last Days before Crucifixion	After Jesus visited Bethany, he entered Jerusalem to the praises of the people. Crowds listened to him teach in the temple while the religious leaders plotted his death. Jesus had Passover with his disciples before going to Gethsemane. (Matt. 21; Mark 11-12; Luke 19, 21-22; John 11-15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To find out where Jesus went and what took place during the week before he was crucified. To learn what Jesus taught his disciples at the Passover meal. To understand how Jesus' promises and instructions apply to our lives. 	But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:12-13
11 Jesus Suffered and Died for Sinners	Jesus fulfilled the Scriptures about the Messiah. He was betrayed, arrested, deserted, falsely accused, beaten, mocked, and crucified between two prisoners. Jesus died on the cross to pay for his people's sin once for all. (Matt. 26-27; Mark 15; Luke 22; John 18-19; Heb. 7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To trace the events and places of Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. To understand that Jesus suffered the punishment that we deserve for our sin. To reflect on Christ's suffering and death on the cross for us. 	And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14
12 Jesus Rose from the Dead	Jesus rose from the dead, appeared to his disciples and many others, and then ascended to his Father in heaven. He is our living Savior and King. (Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20; 1 Cor. 15; Eph. 1-2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To study what the Gospels say about the resurrection of Jesus, his appearances to many people, and his ascension to heaven. To understand the significance of Christ's resurrection and appearances. To discuss what it means to trust and serve our Savior. 	Review John 1:1-14
13 Jesus Christ Redeemed His People	The Old Testament records God's promise to send the Messiah; the New Testament reports how God kept his promise. The four Gospels tell of the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the Messiah. (John 1, 20)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discover how the names of Christ reveal who he is and what he has done for sinners. To review how the Gospels tell the story of Christ's mission to pay for the sins of his people. To grow in our faith as we learn more about who Jesus is and what he did to redeem us. 	Review John 1:1-14