

Master Plan • Middle Elementary • Spring Year 2 • God's Growing Church

Lesson Number and Title		Bible Truth	Lesson Focus	Memory Work
UNIT 1: God's Promise and Plan for His Kingdom	1 God's Plan to Build His Kingdom	God's promise and plan to build his kingdom are revealed in the Old and New Testaments. (Genesis 3; 12; Exodus 19; Isaiah 49; Matthew 28; Revelation 5; Hebrews 11)	To trace God's plan to build his kingdom through his people; to recognize that God has included people from every tribe, language and nation in his kingdom; to learn that God is faithful in keeping all his promises to his people; to identify ways to trust in God's faithfulness, especially when facing hard times.	"I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people." Jeremiah 31:33b
	2 God's Kingdom Grows through Christ	People who belong to Jesus are to remain in him the way branches are connected to a vine. They spread God's kingdom on earth. (John 14–15; Acts 2; Galatians 5)	To match the ways Jesus compared himself and his followers to the vine and the branches; to understand that Christ abides in us through the Holy Spirit; to discover what it means to abide in Christ and be a fruitful member of God's church.	"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5
	3 Depending on God's Spirit to Spread the Gospel	Through persecution in Jerusalem, God scattered the believers so they would go into Judea and Samaria and spread the gospel by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Luke 8; Acts 8; Matthew 28)	To recognize that God has prepared the hearts of a wide variety of people in different places to hear and believe the gospel; to trust God's Spirit to direct us to the people he wants us to share the good news with; to ask God to enable us to share the gospel with people who are different from us.	Review: Jeremiah 31:33b John 15:5
	4 God's Spirit Transforms People	God saved and transformed Saul, who was an enemy of the gospel, and used him to spread the gospel around the world. (Acts 9)	To find out what <i>transform</i> means; to discover what Saul was like before and after God saved him; to recognize that God's transforming power saves sinners and changes them; to ask God to transform us day by day to become more like Christ.	Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17
	5 God's Church Is for Jews and Gentiles	God saved Cornelius and showed Peter that his plan all along had been to include Gentiles as well as Jews in his kingdom. (Acts 10)	To recognize that God has chosen to save people from every tribe, language, people and nation; to know that only faith in Christ makes us right with God; to ask God to help us love people who are different from us.	"With your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation." Revelation 5:9b
	6 God Is Always in Control	God was in control when James was killed and Peter was freed from prison. (Acts 12; Philippians 4)	To know that God is in control when we face trouble in our lives; to believe that God is always good, wise and trustworthy; to learn to bring all our needs to God and to trust him to answer in the way he chooses.	Review: 2 Corinthians 5:17 Revelation 5:9b
	7 God's Growing Church	God directed the church at Antioch to send out Paul and Barnabas as the first missionaries to share the good news of Jesus Christ. (Acts 13–14)	To discover that all of God's Word is part of the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ; to learn that God uses different ways to guide us to those we need to tell about Jesus; to understand that prayer and studying God's Word prepare us to share the gospel with others.	"Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you." Acts 13:38
	8 Always Ready to Witness for Jesus	Paul and others were ready to witness for Jesus in planned and unplanned situations. (Acts 16)	To discover that God is in control of all that we face each day and wants us to trust and obey him in how we respond; to ask God to help us be prepared and willing to witness for Jesus, especially when faced with unexpected opportunities.	He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Acts 16:30–31
	9 Trusting God to Save His People	Paul knew that his job was to be a faithful witness, and he trusted God to bring his own people to faith. (Matthew 9; Acts 17–20)	To discover that God is the One who saves his people; to learn that our job is to be faithful witnesses; to understand the basic message of the gospel.	"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace." Acts 20:24
	10 Enemies of the Gospel	The people of Asia heard the gospel through Paul's witness. Some believed, but zealous enemies of the gospel refused to believe. (Acts 19; Philippians 4)	To understand that people respond in different ways when they hear the message of the gospel; to ask God to help us live in a way that shows we love, trust and obey him.	Review: Acts 13:38 Acts 16:30–31 Acts 20:24
	11 Learning to Defend Our Faith in Christ	Paul was brought to trial and had to defend his faith in Christ before three important rulers: Felix, Festus and Agrippa. (Acts 24–26; Romans 1)	To learn what it means to defend our faith in Christ; to pray for courage to stand up for Christ when it is hard to do so; to pray for Christians who are being persecuted for their faith.	But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15
	12 Living for Christ	God sent Paul to Rome to spread the gospel and help God's church grow. Paul wrote letters, known as epistles, to churches encouraging them to live for Christ. (Acts 1, 27–28; Galatians 3; Philippians 1; Romans 15; 2 Corinthians 3)	To discover why Rome was important to the spread of the gospel and the growth of God's church; to find out what letters Paul wrote, where and to whom they were sent, and why; to understand that Paul's letters are for us as well, helping us to live for Christ and his kingdom.	Review: 1 Peter 3:15
	13 God Keeps Building His Church	Through the power of the gospel, God has been building his church throughout the centuries, and will continue to do so until the day of Christ's return. (Acts 28; Colossians 2)	To recall the way God spreads the gospel in the book of Acts; to learn that God continues to use the same means to spread the gospel and build his church from Acts up to the present day; to thank God for building his church through our witness, his Word and his Spirit.	Review: All memory work

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