

# Simple Bible study outline for leading your children to faith in Jesus

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This outline is structured such that it provides a good framework for children up to the age of 4 to 10 years to gain an understanding of the love of God and salvation in Jesus Christ. I pray that God will use to bless you and your children as you mix it with your prayers and faith.

### Lesson A: God Love in Creation

1. God loved us and provided us all things.

a) What are some of the things God made for us?

**Passage: Genesis 1: 1-13**

“Summarise the items God made. Don’t be too concerned about details.”

Make it relevant, eg – Day so that we can see, walk, play and go school; night so that we can rest and sleep etc.

2. Why was God making all these things?

“For the sake of man because he loves man; for man to enjoy.”

**Memory Verse: Genesis 1:1**

*“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”*

“End lesson by saying next time we learn more about other beautiful thing and made and what God wants man to do.”

### Lesson B: Other Beautiful Things God Made

**1. Passage: Genesis 1: 20-28**

“As a reminder – ask why did God make all these things? Again emphasise in on God’s love and make things relevant, eg – God created fishes and cattle for us to eat etc.”

“At last God created man – when everything man need had been made – emphasise this is love and God came for man. God set man work.”

2. After all this, what did God require form man?

We should love God and obey his commandments.

**Memory Verse: John 14:15**

*“If you love me, keep my commandments.”*

“End lesson by saying what can some of the commandments if God? Next lesson we will learn some of the commandments of God.”

## **Lesson C : God's Ten Commandments.**

### **Passage: Exodus 20: 1-17**

“Lesson may be split into 2, learning the 1<sup>st</sup> five commandments again emphasis in not on full detail but simple sentences outlining each commandment. We keep God's commandment because we love him. He first loved us by providing everything for us.”

### **Memory Verse: Exodus 20:12**

*“Honour your father and mother; that your days may be long upon the land.”*

“End lesson in both lessons by asking what some of the benefits of obeying God's commandments? (Refer to memory verse.) Next lesson we will learn some blessing of obeying God.”

## **Lesson D: Some Blessing of Obeying God**

If we obey God, God will make us special on the earth.

### **Passage: Exodus 19: 5-6**

“When we are special it means God will be provide for us, keep us safe etc.”

“Next lesson will learn more about God's blessing when we obey.”

## **E. More blessing from obeying God**

### **Passage: Deuteronomy 28: 1-14**

“Emphasise it's not on every detail but on key points – provision, protection, goodness etc.”

### **Memory Verse: Psalm 23:1**

*“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.”*

“End lesson by saying sometimes we don't obey God? Next lesson we read about what happens when we disobey.”

## **Lesson F: The Prodigal Son I**

“The aim of this section is to demonstrate that at times we disobey and we wish to illustrate what happens when we go our own way.”

### **Passage: Luke 16: 11-17**

The prodigal son went his own way, what happened to him?

- a) Hungry (verse 17)
- b) Want (Verse 14)
- c) Labourer (Became tail not head)
- d) No friends

“Relate these as contrasts to blessing of obedience studied in pervious lessons.”

“The bible says we all have gone our own way.” (Romans 3: 23)

“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”

“Give example – we are at times naughty, disobey our parent, fight with toys etc.”

### **Memory verse Romans 3:23**

(See above)

“End lesson by saying when we go our way, God does not like it, (does not please God), what must we do then? Next lesson will be learn what to do.”

## **Lesson G: The Prodigal Son II**

“Summarise last lesson.”

**Passage: Luke 16: 17-24**

1. What did the prodigal son do, when he knew he had gone his way.

- a) Accepted he has missed it. (v18)
- b) He was willing to turn from his way and go to his father.
- c) Be sorry for what he had done and apologise to his father.

“Relate these to our situation when we disobey God, we must do the same of the prodigal son – go to God to be sorry to the things we have done, apologise to people we have offended tell God to forgive us.”

2. What did the father do?

- a) Was very happy that his son returned.
- b) Forgive him.
- c) Accepted him and prepare a feast.

God promised that he will forgive us when we turn to him and he is very pleased when we return to him.

“Give child opportunity to repeat.”

**Memory Verse: 1 John 1:9**

*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

“Next lesson we will learn more about God’s forgiveness.”

## **Lesson H: God Forgiveness**

God forgives us because he loves us. He sent his son, Jesus Christ to die for our sins.

**Passages 1 John 1:1-10, 1 John 2: 1-2**

“Emphasise that God can forgive us because his son Jesus had died for us. His blood cleanses us from all sins. No matter what we had done, he forgives us and we become white as snow.”

“If child also repented in last lesson, assume him/her of the forgiveness. And he/she has done anything bad (naughty) since then, he/she could ask God to forgive him/her. If child didn’t repent in last lesson, give him/her another opportunity.”

**Memory Verse: 1 John 1:9**

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“Next lesson – we learn that after forgiving us, God has a special gift for us. What is that gift?”

## **Lesson I: Eternal Life – The Special Gift of God**

1. Read: **Romans 6: 23**

“The gift of God is eternal life.”

“Explain eternal life – the life of God he gives us.”

Help us everyday from the inside and also means that are line with God forever in Heaven.

2. How many of the life does God wants us to have?

Read **John 10: 10**

Have the life in abundance.

3. How do we have that life?

Read **1 John 5: 11-12**

When we have Jesus, we have that life.

Firstly, we believe in his death and resurrection: **Romans 10: 9-10**

Secondly, we invite him into our heart: **Revelation 3:20**

“Give Child opportunity to invite Jesus into his/hers heart.”

**Memory Verse: 1 John 5: 12**

*“He that has the son has life and he that has not have the son of god has no life.”*

### **Lesson J: Holy Spirit, Our Helper**

#### **The Promise of the Holy Spirit (Part I)**

**Passage: John 14: 15-26**

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God promised by Jesus for His followers.

What is another name for the Holy Spirit? (Comforter, Spirit of truth.)

What will the Holy Spirit do for us?

- a) Comfort us.
- b) Teach us
- c) Help us to remember the good of God

**The Holy Spirit is our comforter.**

### **Lesson K: Holy Spirit, Our Helper**

#### **The Promise of the Holy Spirit (Part II)**

**Passage John16: 7-13**

Jesus said it is better for Him to go to heaven, so that we can receive the Holy Spirit.

What is it better for us to receive the Holy Spirit?

- a) Shows us and corrects us when we do wrong things.
- b) Guide us and lead us.
- c) Show us the things of God.

**The Holy Spirit is our Guide.**

### **Lesson L : Holy Spirit, Our Helper**

#### **The Promise of the Holy Spirit (Part III)**

**Passages Acts 2: 37-39**

Note the following:

- a) The Holy Spirit is a gift from God.
- b) We are to receive Him after we have believed.

c) The promise is for everyone who God has called or is saved.

Luke 11: 9-11

Stress the Father's willingness to forgive.

'Asking' in the way to receive.

"How much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit are those who ask him."

Stress – 'To those who ask them.'

Let child ask and pray with him/her.

### **Lesson M: Be a Witness for Jesus and Obedience**

#### **Passage: 2 Kings 5: 1-14**

The story of Naaman.

Emphasis:

a) The little girl (maid) stating what God can do

What are to talk about Jesus to other children and grown ups too.

b) Note Naaman anger at Elisha's instruction to go and wash seven times.

We may not understand why God tells us certain things at time, but we are to obey.

The question, why? Does no always apply because we may not understand all about God.

c) Benefits of obedience.

Naaman's obeyed and he was healed. Need for us to obey.

d) Naaman listened to the seventh advice. We are to listen to people how advise us to do the word of God.

#### **Memory Verse: Isaiah 1:19**

*"If you be willing and obedient you will eat the good of the land."*

### **Lesson N: Honesty**

#### **Say the truth all the time**

#### **Passage: 2 Kings 5: 15-27**

1. Notice Elisha refused of gifts from Naaman freely, you have received, freely give.

2. Notice Naaman's confession and repentance. He will not worship any gods again but the Almighty God.

3. a) Gedazi's action.

How many lies did Gedazi told?

b) What was the consequent of his action?

c) What lesson do we learn from it?

- Tell your parents the truth all the time.
- If your parent said no, don't do it.
- God see us all the time so we can not deceive God.

#### **Memory Verse: 2 Chronicles 16:9**

*"For the eyes of the Lord in throughout the whole earth."*