



P.6 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SELF -STUDY LESSONS SET ONE

Use your Religious Education class work books write down these notes and attempt all the given activities.

LESSON ONE

SUB THEME: GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE

CONTENT: THE NEED FOR A REDEEMER

Introduction

A redeemer is a person who gets some one out of danger.

To redeem is to save some one from the power of evil

After the sin of disobedience by Adam and Eve, suffering dominated the world.

Jesus is our redeemer because he died to save us from sin and death.

Christ as a way of restoring broken relationships

- Adam and Eve committed the original sin by disobeying God.
- Adam and Eve and their off springs lost fellowship with God
- As descendants of Adam and Eve we have also lost God's love and have therefore been born in sin
- All people should therefore seek to restore their relationship with God, but man cannot do this alone, they cannot restore the lost relationship. (Romans; 3 :21- 23)
- God sent his son Jesus Christ to restore the broken relationship through to death on the cross. (John; 3: 16)
- Jesus' death paid the price for our sins and through repentance to him we can reach God again and have a personal relationship with him.

GOD CALLS HIS MESSENGERS

A messenger is a person who delivers messages

A messenger from God is a person who delivers God's message to the people.

God called different messengers to take his messages to both the faithful and unfaithful people

Some messengers who received God's message included;

- Abraham
- Joshua
- John the Baptist
- Moses

Others were prophets like;

- Hosea
- Jeremiah
- Isaiah

Most of the above messengers were sent to make a way for the savior

PROPHETS

A prophet is a person sent by God to teach and give God's message to the people.

A prophet can also be a person who predicts (foretells) the future and it comes true.

WAYS THROUGH WHICH GOD CALLS HIS MESSENGERS

1. Through visions e.g. Isaiah
2. Through direct communication e.g. Abraham, Samuel and Joshua
3. Through God's angels (Gabriel and John the Baptist)
4. Through the burning bush - Moses

Exercise

1. Which people committed the original sin
2. Who is a redeemer?
3. Why was Jesus sent to earth?
4. Who is a messenger?
5. Who is a prophet?
6. Give 3 ways through which God calls his messengers.
7. How does God communicate to us today?
8. How did Jesus restore our broken relationship with God?

LESSON TWO

SUB THEME: GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE

CONTENT: THE CALL OF ABRAHAM (GEN 12:1 – 4)

In the Old Testament, we see God's faithfulness to people but they continued being unfaithful to him

God called different people with a desire to use their words to restore his lost relationship with mankind. He called them as a sign of his love for mankind.

People who received God's call to make a way for the savior

God calls Abraham (Gen 12:1 -9)

- He was called at a time when the world was full of pagans and sinners
- God chose Abraham to be the father of the nation which would prepare the world for the coming of the savior (redeemer)
- Abraham was called by God to leave his homeland and go to the land that God would show him.
- Abraham agreed to leave his father's land and did whatever God told him to do.

GOD MADE MANY PROMISES TO ABRAHAM

These include;

- He promised him many descendants like the stars in the sky (Gen.16 : 4)
- He promised great blessings to Abraham's people
- He promised him land. (Gen. 17 : 8 – 11)
- He promised him death at a good old age (Gen. 15:15)
- He promised him a great name (Gen. 12:2)

ABRAHAM DEMONSTRATED HIS FAITH TO GOD WHEN?

- He agreed to leave his homeland to go to the land and would show him
- He agreed to sacrifice his only son Isaac.
- He accepted to be circumcised at an old age.

WHY ABRAHAM IS REFERRED TO S THE GRANDFATHER OF ALL BELIEVERS

- Abraham had strong faith in God. (Gen.15 :6 – 22)

Lesson learnt from Abraham

- We learn to have strong faith in God
- We learn to be faithful to God
- We learn to act in obedience to God

GOD CALLS MOSES (EXODUS :3)

- After God had heard the cry of his people Israel who had been carried into bondage in Egypt.
- He sent Moses to deliver his people from oppression and to lead them to Canaan the Promised Land.
- Moses was on Mt. Sinai also known as Mt. Horeb looking after the flock of his father in law Jethro, when he was called by God. He was tending sheep and he saw a burning bush that was not being consumed.
- Moses was told to tell God's people that God had seen their suffering and had heard their cry and had decided to rescue them
- He reminded him that he was the God of their father's Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
- Moses was hesitant but God gave him Aaron his brother to speak on his behalf. Moses accepted and did God's work.

REASONS WHY MOSES WAS CHOSEN TO LEAD GOD'S PEOPLE

Israelites to the Promised Land

- He was courageous / brave
- He was obedient / faithful and respectful
- He knew the Hebrew language and how to speak to the people.
- He knew the geography of Egypt since he had lived there before.

Exercise

1. In which way did God call Moses?
2. Give four plagues God gave to the Egyptians
3. Why did God send plagues?
4. What was the last plague?

5. How did the Israelites able to cross the Red sea?
6. On which mountain did Moses die?(Deut. 34: 1 – 8)
7. Why did he fail to enter the Promised Land?
8. List any four messengers of God in the bible.
9. Why did God call Abraham?
10. How did Abraham demonstrate his faith in God?
11. How did God call Moses?
12. Why was Abraham called the grandfather of all believers?
13. Give one promise God gave to Abraham.
14. What punishments did God give to pharaoh to release the children of Israel?
15. Write down the 10 commandments that God gave to Moses.

LESSON THREE

SUB THEME: GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE

CONTENT: GOD CALLS JOSHUA (Joshua 1:1 – 9)

- Although Moses delivered God's people from Egypt, he did not reach the Promised Land.
- Moses died on the way because he disobeyed God (Deut. 32:48 – 52)
- Joshua was chosen to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land.
- Joshua led them across R. Jordan into the Promised Land.

God calls Gideon (Judges 6:11 – 16)

- Gideon was a brave and mighty young man whom God called at a time when the Israelites where being defeated by the tribe of the medianites
- He was a son of Joash and one day when he was threshing wheat, an angel of the lord came and sat under a nearby tree.
The angel told him that "The lord is with you brave and mighty man"
- Gideon complained before the angel of God why he failed to rescue them yet they heard about him as a mighty God.
- The angel assured Gideon of God's presence and how he was determined to help them.
- By God's help Gideon defeated the medianites.

The call of John the Baptist (Mat 3:1 – 12)

- He was the last messenger to prepare a way for the coming of Jesus the messiah / savior
- He was a son of Zachariah and Elizabeth
- He preached to people to repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins
- The coming of John the Baptist had been foretold by Isaiah the prophet (Isa 40:1-5)
- He lived a simple life in the desert
- He wore clothes made of camel's hair, his food was locusts and honey
- His message was "turn away from your sins because the kingdom of God is near"/ repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins.
- All the people who repented were baptized by John the Baptist in R. Jordan

Exercise

1. Who led the children of Israel to the promised land after the death of Moses?
2. What was the name of the Promised Land?
3. What message did John the Baptist preach?
4. Name four the mother and father of John the Baptist
5. Why did God call Gideon?
6. How was Gideon able to overcome the medianites?
7. Why did God call Joshua?

LESSON FOUR

SUB THEME: GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE

CONTENT: OTHER MESSENGERS THAT GOD CALLED

Prophets and their messages

- a) Jeremiah – preached a message of hope and the new covenant (Jer (1:1 – 7)
- b) Ezekiel – preached about God's judgment (Ezekiel 1:1 – 3)
- c) Hosea – he preached forgiveness and hope for God's people (Hosea 1:1 – 11)
- d) Isaiah – he preached the coming of the messiah (Isaiah 6:1 – 13)

- e) Jonah – was called to go and preach to the people of Nineveh to tell them to repent to avoid the impending destruction. (Jonah 3:1 – 13)

Ways of accepting Jesus our Saviour in our lives

We can show acceptance for the Saviour when we respond to God's word.

We have learnt that we need Jesus in our daily lives let us look at the different ways of accepting Jesus Christ our savior.

- By repenting and asking for forgiveness of our sins through Jesus Christ (the bible says that all of us have sinned (Rom 3:23), sin is punishable by death (Romans 6:23)
- Through loving one another (the bible reminds us that whoever loves his brother is a child of God (1 John 4:7)
- By living right, through leading Godly lives in actions and minds
- Through seeking the guidance of the holy spirit daily
- Through believing and putting our faith in Jesus Christ
- By accepting that we are sinners and that we need forgiveness

The message that Mary received

- The angel from heaven called Gabriel was sent by God to Mary in the city of Galilee named Nazareth.
- She was a virgin engaged to get married to her husband Joseph the descendant of David.
- The angel gave her a message “rejoice highly favoured one, the lord is with you, blessed are you among all women.” Mary was afraid of the message but the angel encouraged her not to be afraid because she was favoured by God.
- She wondered how this would happen and the Angel assured her that the Holy Spirit would come upon her and she would conceive a son whom she will name Jesus.

Exercise

1. Why did God send Jesus to earth?
2. How can one acquire eternal life.
3. State the messages preached by the following prophets
 - a) Jeremiah.
 - b) Isaiah
 - c) Jonah

- c) Ezekiel
- e) Hosea
- 4. Why did God send Jesus to earth?
- 5. How can one acquire eternal life?
- 6. How can one show the acceptance of the savior in their lives?
- 7. How do we receive God's messages today?

THEME: CHRISTIANS ON THE WAY

SUB THEME: CHRIST IS THE ANSWER

CONTENT: HOW CHRIST SHOWED CONCERN FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE

Read, pronounce, spell and study the meanings of the following words

Concern; Having a feeling of worry about something or somebody

Love; To feel affection, care for, be fond of some body

Need; To require something because they are essential / important

Needy; Being in lack / not having something e.g. money food, clothes etc.

Introduction

Jesus cared for people and was always outstanding in whatever he did, he preached, helped, healed and interacted with all kinds of people.

Examples of different kinds of people that Jesus interacted with

- The sinners
- The poor
- The rich
- Fellow Hebrews
- Pagans
- The suffering people

Ways how Jesus met human needs and showed compassion on other people.

- a) He healed the sick and all sorts of sickness
- b) He raised some dead people to life
- c) Jesus fed the hungry
- d) Jesus forgave some people of their sin
- e) Jesus saved some people from danger

Examples of the sick that Jesus healed

On different occasions Jesus healed men, women and children who had body disorders of different kinds

- i) He healed people with evil spirits (Matt. 8:28 – 34)
- ii) He healed the crippled (Mark 1:29 – 34)
- iii) He healed the deaf and the dumb (Matt. 9:32 – 34)
- iv) He healed the blind and those who were paralyzed (Matt. 12:9 – 34)
- v) He healed all sorts of sickness (Mark 1:29 – 45)

b) Jesus raised some dead people to life

Whenever people lost their loved ones Jesus shared in their grief. He sympathized with the bereaved families because he raised some dead people back to life

Examples of the dead that Jesus raised to life includes.

- i) In John 11:1 – 44 Jesus raised Lazarus back to life
- ii) In mark 5:21 – 24, 25 – 43 we read that Jesus raised Jairus' Daughter back to life

c) Jesus fed the hungry

i) In John 2:1 – 11 Jesus changed water into wine at a wedding in Cana where he had been invited

ii) In Matt. 14:13 – 21 we read that Jesus fed 5000 people he couldn't send home when they are hungry

Jesus forgave some people's sins

Examples of people whose sins were forgiven

Jesus forgave some people's sins after they repented

Other people sins were forgiven after they showed acts of great faith e.g

- i) In Luke 7:36 50 Jesus forgave a sinful woman because of her actions – the prostitute who washed Jesus' feet.

- ii) In Mt 2:1 – 12 Jesus forgave the sins of a paralyzed man this was due to the faith man showed together with those who brought him. Opened the roof top and entered to see Jesus.

d) Jesus saved people from danger

- i) In Mt 14:29 – 31 Jesus saved Peter from sinking
- ii) In Mk 4:35 – Jesus calmed the storm in which the disciples feared they would drown.

Exercise

1. Name the 3 groups of people that Jesus interacted with.
2. Write any 3 types of health disorders Jesus healed
3. Name 2 people who were resurrected by Jesus
4. Why did Jesus change water into wine at Cana?
5. Why does Jesus love sinners?
6. Name any one social evil that Jesus preached against.
7. Name one person whose sins were forgiven by Jesus.
8. What did Jesus teach us about forgiveness?
9. What parable did Jesus teach us emphasize that we need to forgive one another?
10. Write down 2 ways how you interact with the following people
 - a. parents
 - b. fellow children
 - c. the poor