

STANDARD 2

FOR THE NOTICE OF THE TEACHERS

1. This syllabus consists of twenty lessons. Teachers should so divide and teach the lessons, taking into account the standard of the students, as to cover the syllabus within a year.

2. It is also essential to conduct periodical tests in order to know whether the students have learnt what they have been taught.

3. Before teaching a lesson, teachers should first study not only the Bible portions and verses given in the lesson, but also portions and verses corresponding to the subject found elsewhere in the Bible. It is sufficient, if after that the lesson is taught in a simple way according to the standard of the children. Teachers should be faithful in this respect, because it will be impossible to teach the children, unless they themselves study the lessons in detail.

4. Teachers should train the students to memorise the memory verses the day the lesson is taught and make them recite the same in the following class.

5. If errors are noticed in any lesson, the teachers should make a note of such errors in the blank sheet sub-joined to the syllabus, and later bring them to the notice of the Secretary of the Sunday School.

We publish this syllabus, giving thanks to the Lord for all the benefits He has hitherto bestowed upon the Sunday School work. May the Almighty God make this syllabus a blessing to all the Sunday School teachers and students !

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LESSON 1
ABRAHAM'S GUESTS
Gen.18:1-14 ; 19:1

Contents :

1. While Abraham was sitting in the tent's door he saw three men coming to his tent. He ran to meet them (Gen. 18:1,2). They were not actually men, but God and two angels (Gen. 18:22,33 ; 19:1).
2. Abraham entertained them with cakes, butter, milk and a dressed calf (Gen. 18:6,8).
3. God's promise to Abraham (Gen. 18:10).
4. Sarah's unbelief (Gen. 18:12).
5. The Lord confirmed His promise (Gen. 18:14).

Moral :

The Lord and His angels may visit our home too. Therefore we should not be forgetful to entertain strangers.

Memory Verse : Hebrews 13:2

LESSON 2
LOT FLEES FROM SODOM
Gen. 19:1-26

Contents :

1. The sin of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah was grievous and their cry reached God (Gen. 18:20,21).
2. Two angels visited Sodom when Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom (Gen. 19:1).
3. Lot received them, took them to his house and extended hospitality to them (Gen. 19:2,3).
4. The men of Sodom came to attack the angels (Gen. 19:4,5).
5. The men were smitten with blindness (Gen. 19:11).
6. The angels gave Lot the message of God that Sodom was going to be destroyed and they advised them to hasten and get out of the city with his family (Gen. 19:12-15).
7. When Lot lingered, the angels took him, his wife and two daughters by hand and brought them out of the city and asked them to escape for their life to the mountain and not to look back (Gen. 19:16,17).
8. Lot asked for permission to flee to a nearby little city instead of to the mountain and the Lord granted his request (Gen. 19:18-22).
9. After this the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire out of heaven and overthrew those cities and their inhabitants (Gen. 19:24,25).
10. Lot's wife looked back and became a pillar of salt (Gen. 19:26).

Moral :

The Lord, out of His great compassion, warns His people to give up the sinful world which is reserved unto fire and to escape to the heavenly refuge.

Memory Verse : I Peter 3:12

LESSON 3
ISAAC OFFERED AS A SACRIFICE
Gen.22:1-18

Contents :

1. Abraham and Sarah had no children for a very long time. According to God's promise, Isaac was born when Abraham was hundred years old (Gen.21:5).
2. After this, God tempted Abraham (Gen.22:1).
3. God asked Abraham to offer Isaac as a burnt offering on one of the mountains in the land of Moriah (Gen.22:2).
4. Abraham set out in obedience, journeyed for three days and reached the place (Gen.22:3,4).
5. Abraham's words of faith to his young men : "I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you" (Gen.22:5).
6. When Isaac enquired about the lamb for the burnt offering, Abraham replied that the Lord would provide it (Gen.22:7,8).
7. Abraham bound Isaac, laid him on the altar, and took the knife to slay him (Gen.22:9,10).
8. The angel of the Lord intervened and asked him not to kill his son (Gen.22:11,12).
9. A ram was sacrificed in the place of Isaac and the place was named 'Jehovah-Jireh' (Gen.22:13,14).
10. Jehovah-Jireh means 'The Lord will provide'

Moral :

Like Abraham we should love God above all other things and we should totally obey Him.

Memory Verse : I John 3:18

LESSON 4
ESAU LOSES HIS BIRTHRIGHT
Gen.25:21-34

Contents:

1. Twins born of Rebekah the wife of Isaac (Gen.25:21,24).
2. The revelation given by the Lord concerning them (Gen.25:23).
3. Esau, the elder son was a cunning hunter and a man of the field (Gen.25:27).
4. Jacob, the younger son was a plain man, dwelling in tents (Gen.25:27).
5. Esau was the beloved of his father ; Jacob was the beloved of his mother (Gen.25:28).
6. Esau despised his birthright to satisfy his hunger (Gen.25:29-34).

Moral :

Esau lost his birthright for one morsel of meat. We should not be like him and lose important spiritual blessings for the sake of worldly pleasures.

Memory Verse : Hebrews 12:17

LESSON 5
JACOB'S DREAM

Gen.28:10-22

Contents :

1. Jacob feared his brother Esau. According to his mother's counsel he fled from Beersheba and went towards Haran (Gen.28:10).

[Explain the earlier history in brief (Gen.27:1-45)].

2. As the sun set while he was on his way, he took of the stones of that place, put them for his pillows and lay down to sleep (Gen.28:11).

3. Then he saw a dream. A ladder was set upon the earth, the top of which reached heaven. The angels of God were ascending and descending on it (Gen.28:12).

4. The Lord standing above it said that He was the God of his fathers. He gave Jacob the promises that He had given to Abraham and Isaac (Gen.28:13-15).

5. Jacob woke up from his sleep and said 'Surely the Lord is in this place'. Then he took the stone he had put for his pillow, set it up for a pillar, poured oil upon it and called the name of that place 'Bethel' (Gen.28:16-19).

6. 'Bethel' means 'the house of God'.

Moral :

When we are lonely, with no one to help us, God gives us His promises and comforts us.

Memory Verse : Psalm 94:19

LESSON 6
JACOB WRESTLES WITH AN ANGEL
OF GOD

Gen. ch.32

Contents :

1. Esau hated Jacob because on one occasion he deceived him and got his birthright; on another occasion, by deception, he received his father's blessings (Gen.27:36).

[Teachers may read Gen.27:1-41 also and briefly explain the reason for his hatred].

2. When Jacob was returning from his uncle's house where he had gone and lived for a number of years for fear of Esau, he was informed that Esau, with four hundred men, was coming to meet him. He was greatly afraid (Gen.32:6,7).

3. Jacob prayed unto the Lord to deliver him from the hand of his brother (Gen.32:11,12).

4. Jacob sent goats, ewes, rams, camels, bulls and asses as presents to Esau to appease him (Gen.32:13-15).

5. After sending his wives and sons across the brook Jabbok, Jacob was alone. There he wrestled with the angel of God (Gen.32:22-24).

6. When the angel could not prevail over him he touched the hollow of his thigh and it went out of joint (Gen.32:25).

7. When the angel asked Jacob to let him go, he replied, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me". The angel then blessed him by changing his name from Jacob to Israel. Israel means 'A

prince of God' (Gen.32:26-29).

8. Jacob wrestling with the angel shows striving in prayer.

Moral :

Jacob held fast to God, wrestled in prayer and received blessings ; even so we should pray earnestly in the presence of God and receive blessings from Him.

Memory Verse : Psalm 118:5

LESSON 7

JOSEPH'S TWO DREAMS

Gen. 37:1-11

Contents :

1. Twelve sons were born to Jacob, and Joseph was the son of his old age. So Jacob loved him greatly and made him a coat of many colours. Joseph used to bring to his father, the evil report of his brothers (Gen.37:2,3).

2. His brothers hated him, because their father loved him more than all of them (Gen.37:4).

3. At this time, Joseph saw a dream and told his brethren. In his dream he saw the sheaves of his brothers standing round about and making obeisance to his sheaf (Gen.37:5-7).

4. On hearing this dream, his brothers hated him even more (Gen.37:8).

5. Joseph had another dream which he told his father and brethren. He saw the sun, the moon and the eleven stars making obeisance to him (Gen.37:9).

6. His father rebuked him saying, "Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?" (Gen.37:10).

7. His brethren envied him. But his father observed the saying (Gen.37:11).

Moral :

If we hate sin and live a life pleasing God, He will bless us and reveal the mysteries of heaven to us.

Memory Verse : Psalm 25:14

LESSON 8

JOSEPH IN PRISON

Gen. 37:13-36 ; 39 ; 40

Contents :

1. When Joseph went to see whether it was well with his brethren, they took him and cast him into a pit. Later they lifted him up out of the pit and sold him to the Ishmaelites. The Ishmaelites took him to Egypt and sold him to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh. In Potiphar's house he was falsely accused and cast into prison.

2. Even in the prison the Lord was with him, and whatever he did, He made it to prosper (Gen.39:20,23).

3. The chief butler and the chief baker of the king were also held as prisoners in the prison (Gen.40:2,3).

4. The dream of the chief butler (Gen.40:9-11).

5. Joseph's interpretation of this dream (Gen. 40:12,13).

6. The dream of the chief baker (Gen.40:16,17).

7. Joseph's interpretation of this dream (Gen. 40:18,19).

8. On the third day, the interpretation of these dreams were fulfilled. Though the chief butler was restored to his butlership again, he did not remember Joseph but forgot him and so he did not attempt to help Joseph to be delivered from the prison.

Moral :

If we live in the fear of God, then no matter where we may be, God will be with us and bless us.

Memory Verse : Isaiah 26:3

LESSON 9

JOSEPH IN EGYPT (PART I)

Gen.41:1-44

Contents :

1. Pharaoh's dreams (Gen.41:1-7).

2. The chief butler remembered Joseph and informed Pharaoh about him. Joseph was called from the prison (Gen.41:9-14).

3. Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dreams (Gen. 41:25-30).

4. Joseph was exalted to a high position thereby (Gen.41:40).

Moral :

As Joseph was faithful, he was raised from prison to palace. If we are like him, then we too will be exalted by the Lord in due time.

Memory Verse : Psalm 136:23

LESSON 10

JOSEPH IN EGYPT (PART II)

Gen.41:40-57 ; 42

Contents :

1. Joseph was made ruler over all the land of Egypt (Gen.41:41-43).

2. Joseph stored up corn for the years of famine (Gen.41:48,49).

3. Joseph's brethren came to buy corn in Egypt during the famine (Gen.42:3).

4. The meeting between Joseph and his brethren (Gen.42:7-26).

5. His brethren were in distress because of the silver cup (Gen.44:2-13).

6. Joseph revealed himself to his brethren (Gen.45:1-4).

7. Jacob and his household came to Egypt (Gen.46:5,6).

8. Joseph nourished them (Gen.47:12).

Moral :

Although Joseph was exalted, he did not return evil for evil but did good. We also should do likewise and reveal the character of God.

Memory Verse : Romans 12:21

LESSON 11

***THE HEALING OF THE MAN SICK FOR
38 YEARS***

John 5:1-9

Contents :

1. Many sick people waited near the pool of Bethesda (Jn.5:2,3).
2. The one who went into the pool first after an angel had troubled the water, would be healed (Jn.5:4).
3. A man sick for thirty eight years was there (Jn.5:5).
4. Jesus asked him, "Wilt thou be made whole?" (Jn.5:6).
5. The reply of the sick man (Jn.5:7).
6. Jesus healed him (Jn.5:8,9).

Moral :

When there is no one to help us, Jesus comes and helps us.

Memory Verse : Hebrews 13:6

LESSON 12

PETER GOES A FISHING

Luke 5:1-11

Contents :

1. A great multitude of people pressed upon Jesus to hear the Word of God, by the lake of Gennesaret (Lk.5:1).
2. Jesus entered into Simon's ship, which was standing by the lake and taught the people (Lk.5:2,3).
3. After speaking, Jesus told Simon : "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught" (Lk.5:4).
4. Simon said, "... we have toiled all the night and have taken nothing : nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net" and he did so (Lk.5:5).
5. Then they inclosed so great a multitude of fishes that the net broke (Lk.5:6).
6. They beckoned those in the other ships to come and help them (Lk.5:7).
7. Simon Peter was astonished at the draught of fishes, and fell down at Jesus' knees saying, "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord" (Lk.5:8,9).
8. Jesus told Simon, "Fear not ; from henceforth thou shalt catch men" (Lk.5:10).
9. Simon Peter and his companions forsook their all and followed Jesus (Lk.5:10,11).

Moral :

The Lord blesses us abundantly in return for even the little good that we may do.

Memory Verse : Isaiah 1:19

LESSON 13

JESUS HEALS THE MAN SICK OF THE PALSY

Mark 2:1-12

Contents :

1. When the people heard that Jesus was in a house in Capernaum, many gathered together so that there was no room even to stand before the door (Mk. 2 : 1, 2).
2. Jesus preached the Word to them. Four people bore one person who was sick of the palsy and brought him to Jesus (Mk.2 :2,3).
3. Unable to come near Him because of the press, they uncovered the roof and let down the bed wherein the sick man lay (Mk.2:4).
4. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the sick of the palsy, “Son, thy sins be forgiven thee” (Mk.2:5).
5. Then the scribes hearing this, reasoned in their hearts that He was blaspheming, as God alone could forgive sins (Mk.2:6,7).
6. Jesus told them that they should know that the Son of man had power on earth to forgive sins (Mk.2:8-10).
7. Jesus then told the sick man, “Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house” (Mk.2:11).
8. He immediately arose, took up his bed and went before them all (Mk.2:12).

Moral :

When we show our faith through our works, the Lord honours it.

Memory Verse : James 2:26

LESSON 14

JESUS CHOOSES THE TWELVE APOSTLES

Luke 6:12-16

Contents :

1. Jesus went up into a mountain to pray and continued all night in prayer to God (Lk.6:12).
2. At dawn, He called unto Him His disciples and chose twelve and He called them ‘Apostles’ (Lk.6:13).
3. An apostle is one who is sent (Jn.20:21).
4. Their names (Lk.6:14-16).
5. The power and authority that Jesus gave them (Lk.9:1,2).

Moral :

Even as Jesus prayed and chose His apostles, we also should do all things with prayer.

Memory Verse : Hebrews 5:4

LESSON 15
THE CENTURION'S SERVANT HEALED
Luke 7:1-10

Contents :

1. Once Jesus went to Capernaum, where a beloved servant of a centurion was sick and nigh unto death (Lk.7:1,2).
2. The centurion on hearing that Jesus had come there, sent unto Him the elders of the Jews beseeching Jesus to come and heal his servant (Lk.7:3,4).
3. When Jesus was not far from his house the centurion sent friends to Him, saying that he was not worthy that Jesus should come to his house and that it was enough if He said a word and his servant would be healed (Lk.7:6-8).
4. Jesus Who heard this marvelled and said, "I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel" (Lk.7:9).
5. They that were sent returned to find that the servant was healed (Lk.7:10).

Moral :

If we humble ourselves and believe the Lord, even today He is faithful to heal us by His word.

Memory Verse : Psalm 107:20

LESSON 16
JESUS RAISES TO LIFE THE SON OF THE WIDOW OF NAIN
Luke 7:11-17

Contents :

1. One day Jesus went to the city of Nain, His disciples also went with Him (Lk.7:11).
2. As Jesus went near the gate of the city, He saw a dead young man being carried out. He was the only son of his mother and she was a widow (Lk.7:12).
3. She followed behind weeping. Jesus saw her and with compassion on her said, "Weep not" (Lk.7:13).
4. Jesus came up to the bier, touched it and said, "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise" (Lk.7:14).
5. Immediately he that was dead sat up and began to speak (Lk.7:15).
6. Fear came upon all and they glorified God saying that a great prophet had risen up among them and that God had visited His people (Lk.7:16).
7. From this we know that Jesus can raise the dead.

Moral :

Jesus is the Almighty God Who has the power to raise the dead.

Memory Verse : Jeremiah 32:27

LESSON 17
A FRIEND OF THE CHILDREN
Mark 10:13-16

Contents :

1. Some mothers brought their young children to Jesus (Mk.10:13).
2. The mothers desired that Jesus should bless their children (Mk.10:13).
3. The disciples rebuked them as they did not like Jesus to be troubled (Mk.10:13).
4. Seeing this Jesus was much displeased because He greatly loved all the little children. He said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not : for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mk.10:14).
5. Then Jesus took up the children in His arms, put His hands upon them and blessed them (Mk.10:16).
6. Jesus taught about the kingdom of God using children as an example (Mk.10:15).

Moral :

Jesus loves us, the little children much. If we desire His blessings and go to Him, He will certainly bless us.

Memory Verse : Matthew 18:3

LESSON 18**JESUS RESTORES SIGHT TO BLIND BARTIMAEUS**

Mark 10:46-52

Contents :

1. When Jesus went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus sat by the highway side begging (Mk.10:46).
2. He heard that Jesus was passing that way and began to cry out saying, "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me" (Mk.10:47).
3. Though others rebuked him, he cried the more a great deal, 'Thou son of David, have mercy on me' (Mk.10:48).
4. Jesus called him and healed him (Mk.10:49-52).
5. Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus (Mk.10:52).

Moral :

The Lord is a merciful God Who hears our prayers and helps us.

Memory Verse : Psalm 120:1

LESSON 19**THE WIDOW'S OFFERING**

Mark 12:35,41-44

Contents :

1. Jesus taught in the temple (Mk.12:35).
2. Jesus sat over against the treasury and watched how people cast money into it (Mk.12:41).
3. The rich cast in much (Mk.12:41).
4. The widow's offering (Mk.12:42).
5. Jesus called His disciples and told them His opinion about her offering (Mk.12:43,44).

6. It was only because the widow had faith and great love for God that she was able to give all that she had for her livelihood.

Moral :

The widow, inspite of her poverty, gave to the Lord all that she had for her livelihood. So also we should be willing to give to our Lord, even our life.

Memory Verse : Mark 12:30

LESSON 20

JESUS STILLS THE WIND AND THE SEA

Mark 4:35-41

Contents :

1. One day Jesus and His disciples sailed in a ship (Mk.4:35,36).
2. There arose a great storm of wind and the waves beat against the ship and filled it (Mk.4:37).
3. Jesus was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow (Mk.4:38).
4. The disciples woke Him up and said, ‘Master, carest thou not that we perish?’ (Mk.4:38).
5. He arose, rebuked the wind and the sea and stilled them (Mk.4:39).
6. Jesus convicted the disciples of their fear and unbelief (Mk.4:40).
7. The disciples feared exceedingly and marvelled at the incident (Mk.4:41).

Moral :

Our God is able to do supernatural things. There is nothing too hard for the Lord.

Memory Verse : Psalm 33:9
