

STANDARD 4

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
MOSES ON MOUNT SINAI
Exo.19 ; 20 ; 24 ; 25:1-9 ; 31:18

Contents :

1. God wanted to reveal Himself to His people in His glory and power.
2. The people were sanctified at the foot of mount Sinai (Exo. 19:14).
3. God descended on the top of mount Sinai and called Moses up to the top (Exo.19:20).
4. God asked Moses to go down and warn the people, including the priests, not to touch the mountain (Exo. 19:12,21-24).
5. Moses went down and spoke to the people (Exo.19:25).
6. God spoke to the people the words of commandments and the statutes and judgment which they should observe (Exo. ch.20. See also Lesson No. 4).
7. God again called Moses, Aaron and a few others to come up into the mountain (Exo.24:1,2).
8. Moses was with the Lord in the mount forty days and forty nights (Exo.24:18).
9. God revealed to him the pattern concerning the tabernacle to be made (Exo. 25:8,9).
10. God also gave him two tables of testimony (tables of stone) written with His finger (Exo.31:18).

Moral :

Our God is glorious in holiness. To hear His voice we should cleanse ourselves.

Memory Verse : Leviticus 20:7

LESSON 2
THE ISRAELITES AND THE GOLDEN CALF
Exo. ch.32

Contents :

1. While there was a delay in Moses' return from the mount, the people asked Aaron to make gods to go before them (Exo. 32:1).
2. Aaron asked for and obtained the golden earrings of the people, and made a molten calf out of them. The people acknowledged them as gods (Exo.32:2-4).
3. They observed the feast and worshipped the golden calf (Exo.32:5,6,8).
4. The Lord informed Moses of what the people had done (Exo.32:7,8).
5. The words that the Lord told Moses when He was angry with the people because of this and wanted to destroy them (Exo.32:9,10).
6. Moses' intercession (Exo.32:11-13).
7. Moses came down from the mount and saw the golden calf and the dancing (Exo.32:19).
8. Moses' reactions (Exo.32:19,20).
9. He rebuked Aaron (Exo.32:21).
10. Aaron's reply (Exo.32:22-24).

11. Moses' asking the people, "Who is on the Lord's side" and the response of the sons of Levi (Exo.32:26).

12. The sons of Levi slew the people and three thousand men died (Exo. 32:27,28).

13. Moses' plea thereafter and the Lord's answer (Exo.32:31 -34).

14. The Lord plagued the people for making the calf (Exo.32:35).

Moral :

They that reject the living God and worship idols are worthy of the wrath of God.

Memory Verse : I John 5:21

LESSON 3

MOSES ON MOUNT SINAI AGAIN

Exo. 34:1-32

Contents :

1. The Lord asked Moses to go up to the top of the mount again, hewing two new tables of stone (Exo.34:1,2).

2. Moses went up to the mount (Exo.34:4).

3. When the Lord passed by, He revealed His glory to Moses (Exo.33:18-23 ; 34:6,7).

4. Moses' intercession (Exo.34:8,9).

5. The Lord made a covenant with him (Exo. 34:10).

6. He was with the Lord for forty days and forty nights without eating and drinking. The Lord wrote the ten commandments on the tables according to the first writing and gave them to Moses (Exo.34:1 ; Deut.10:4).

7. When Moses came down with the two tables of testimony, his face was so shining that the people were afraid to come near him (Exo.34:29,30).

8. He taught the people all that the Lord had spoken with him (Exo. 34:32).

Moral :

In the same way, as Moses interceded with God for the children of Israel, Jesus is interceding for us with the Father.

Memory Verse : I Timothy 2:5

LESSON 4

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exo. 20:1-17

Contents :

The ten commandments given by the Lord to the children of Israel through Moses are :

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me (Exo. 20:3).

2. Thou shalt not make any graven image, or the likeness of anything or bow down to them or serve them (Exo.20:4,5).

3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain (Exo.20:7).

4. Thou shalt remember the sabbath, to keep it holy (Exo. 20:8).

5. Thou shalt honour thy father and thy mother (Exo.20:12).
6. Thou shalt not kill (Exo.20:13).
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery (Exo.20:14).
8. Thou shalt not steal (Exo.20:15).
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour (Exo.20:16).
10. Thou shalt not covet anything that is thy neighbour's (Exo.20:17).

Moral :

If we love God and keep His commandments in our life, we will escape the eternal judgment.

Memory Verse :

The Ten Commandments (as given in the syllabus) to be memorised in two weeks.

LESSON 5

MIRIAM BECOMES A LEPER

Num.12:1-15

Contents :

1. Miriam was the elder sister of Aaron and Moses (Num.26:59).
2. Miriam and Aaron speaking against Moses (Num.12:1,2).
3. God called Aaron and Miriam (Num.12:5).
4. The good report given by the Lord about Moses (Num.12:6-8).
5. The anger of the Lord kindled against Miriam and Aaron (Num.12:9).
6. Miriam became a leper (Num.12:10).
7. Aaron interceded with Moses on behalf of Miriam (Num. 12:11,12).
8. Moses cried unto God and God's answer (Num.12:13,14).
9. The punishment meted out to Miriam by the Lord and as a result the journey of the Israelites hindered (Num.12:15).

Moral :

They that have the rule over us have been appointed by God. Therefore we should not speak against them, even if they are younger than we are.

Memory Verse : Hebrews 13:17

LESSON 6

BALAAM AND HIS ASS

Num. 22:1-35

Contents :

1. Balaam was a prophet. King Balak of Moab feared the Israelites, who had pitched in the plains of Moab during their journey to Canaan. So he called for prophet Balaam to come and help him by cursing the Israelites (Num. 22:1-6).
2. God did not allow Balaam to go and curse them (Num.22:12).

3. When Balaam again sought God's counsel, God permitted him to go but warned him to do only what He would tell him to (Num.22:19,20).

4. God's anger was kindled against him, because he went on a mission against the will of God (Num.22:22).

5. God spoke to the disobedient prophet through his ass (Num.22:23-30).

6. The eyes of Balaam were opened and he saw the angel of the Lord; the angel of the Lord spoke to him and Balaam's confession (Num.22:31 -34).

Moral :

If by love of money or due to desire for worldly honour and glory, we go against the will of God, the Lord Himself may turn to be our adversary.

Memory Verse : Luke 12:47

LESSON 7

RAHAB

Josh. 2 ; 6:22-25

Contents :

1. Joshua succeeded Moses after his death, to lead the children of Israel (Josh.1:1,2).

2. When the Israelites were camping at Shittim before crossing the Jordan, Joshua sent two men to spy Jericho and they went and lodged in the house of Rahab, a gentile woman of Jericho (Josh.2:1).

3. The king of Jericho heard about the spies and sent men to Rahab's house and asked her to bring them out. Rahab hid the spies with the stalks of flax which she had spread upon the roof of her house and said that the men who had come to her house had gone away in the evening (Josh.2:2-6).

4. After the pursuers had departed, Rahab conversed with the spies, asserting her firm faith in the God of Israel. She made a request to save her and her family when they captured Jericho (Josh.2:7-13).

5. The men assured her safety (Josh. 2:14).

6. She let them down by a cord through the window of her house which was situated on the town wall (Josh.2:15).

7. The instructions which the woman had to observe to ensure her safety were given to her (Josh.2:17-20).

8. Rahab agreed to the conditions and the men departed (Josh. 2:21).

9. When the Israelites captured Jericho they saved Rahab and her household according to the assurance that was given to her (Josh. 6:22-25).

Moral :

When we give protection to the people of God, we and our household are preserved from all harm.

Memory Verse : Psalm 27:5

LESSON 8

THE ISRAELITES CROSS RIVER JORDAN

Josh. 3 ; 4

Contents :

1. The people of Israel set out from Shittim and lodged at Jordan (Josh.3:1).
2. Joshua commanded the people to sanctify themselves (Josh.3:5).
3. The next day the priests took up the ark of the covenant and passed over before the people (Josh.3:6).
4. The priests bearing the ark went ahead and the people followed about two thousand cubits away (Josh.3:3,4).
5. As soon as the feet of the priests who were bearing the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, the waters of the Jordan which was overflowing its banks rose up in a heap and the Jordan was divided into two (Josh.3:15,16).
6. The priests that bore the ark of the covenant stood in the midst of the Jordan till all the people passed over on dry ground and entered into Canaan (Josh. 3:17).
7. Joshua set up in Gilgal, the twelve stones which they took from the midst of the Jordan where the priests stood (Josh.4:3,20).
8. Joshua also set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan in the place where the feet of the priests stood (Josh.4:9).
9. Then the priests came up out of the waters and the waters of the Jordan returned unto their place and flowed over all its banks (Josh.4:18).

Moral :

If we determine to enter into the spiritual Canaan even as the Israelites entered Canaan, the Lord will raise up for us apostles, who like the priests, have sacrificed their all to bear our burdens.

Memory Verse : II Timothy 2:10

LESSON 9**THE ISRAELITES CAPTURE JERICO**

Josh. 6:1-21

Contents :

1. The condition of Jericho (Josh.6:1).
2. The Lord's counsel to Joshua, for the capture of Jericho (Josh.6:2 -5).
3. Joshua's orders to the priests (Josh.6:6).
4. Joshua's orders to the people (Josh.6:7).
5. The priests and the people compassed the city according to the Lord's counsel (Josh.6:8-11).
6. The order in which they compassed the city
 - (i) The armed men
 - (ii) the priests that blew the trumpets
 - (iii) The ark of the covenant
 - (iv) The rearward(Josh.6:13).
7. The first six days they compassed the city once a day and seven times on the seventh day [13 times]. (Josh.6:11,14,15).
8. Joshua's warning (Josh.6:17-19).
9. The walls of Jericho fell at the shout of the children of Israel (Josh.6:16,20).
10. The destruction of the city (Josh.6:21).

Moral :

If we believe the counsel of God and do His will and praise God in adverse circumstances, we will have the victory.

Memory Verse : Hebrews 11:30

LESSON 10

ACHAN

Josh. 6:17-21 ; 7

Contents :

1. After the great victory of Jericho, Joshua sent men to spy the city of Ai (Josh.7:2).
2. The spies who were sent by Joshua said that there were only a few people in the city of Ai and that many people need not go up to overcome them (Josh.7:3).
3. The men of Ai smote the Israelites and the Israelites met with defeat in the first instance (Josh.7 :4,5).
4. Joshua cried unto the Lord (Josh.7: 6-9).
5. The Lord gave the reason for their defeat (Josh. 7:11,12).
6. The Lord told Joshua that he that took the accursed thing, he and all that he had should be burnt with fire (Josh.7:15).
7. Achan was identified as the guilty one, and Joshua asked him to confess what he had done (Josh. 7:16-19).
8. Achan's reply (Josh.7:20,21).
9. Achan and all that belonged to him were taken to the valley of Achor. They were stoned and burnt with fire (Josh.7:24-26).

Moral :

Even one man in an assembly who transgresses the commandments of God can cause defeat to the whole assembly.

Memory Verse : Romans 16:17

LESSON 11

THE SERVANT WHO SHOWED NO COMPASSION

Matthew 18:21-35

Contents :

1. Peter questioning Jesus about forgiving his brother who sinned against him and the reply given by Jesus (Matt.18:21,22).
2. A king and a servant who owed him ten thousand talents (Matt.18:23,24).
3. Since he had no means to pay the debt, the king commanded him to be sold along with his wife, children and all that he had, for payment to be made (Matt.18:25).
4. The servant fell down and worshipped him and begged for time to pay the debt (Matt.18:26).
5. The king was moved with compassion and forgave him the debt (Matt.18:27).
6. This servant met his fellow-servant who owed him hundred pence, laid hands on him and took him by the throat (Matt.18:28).

7. The fellow-servant begged for time to pay the debt, but he cast him into prison (Matt.18:29,30).
8. His fellow-servants told the king about it (Matt. 18:31).
9. The king called the first servant, rebuked him, and delivered him to the tormentors till he paid the debt (Matt.18:32-34).
10. The truth that Jesus revealed through this (Matt. 18:35).

Moral :

Just as Jesus forgave us all our sins, we too should forgive others. If we do not forgive, He will also do likewise to us.

Memory Verse : Matthew 6:14

LESSON 12

JESUS RESTORES SIGHT TO THE MAN BORN BLIND

John 9:1-38

Contents :

1. The man who was blind from his birth and the disciples questioning Jesus concerning the man (Jn.9:1,2).
2. Jesus' reply (Jn.9:3-5).
3. The manner in which Jesus healed the blind man (Jn.9:6,7).
4. The blind man's testimony about the healing he received (Jn. 9:10,11).
5. The arguments of the Pharisees concerning Jesus and the testimony of the blind man who received sight, to the Pharisees (Jn.9:13-16).
6. The man who was healed confessed Jesus as a prophet (Jn.9:17).
7. The Jews questioned his parents and their answer (Jn.9:18-23).
8. The conversation between the Jews and the man the second time. He asserted that Jesus had come from God (Jn.9:24-33).
9. The Jews put him out of the synagogue (Jn.9:22,34).
10. Jesus met him again and he worshipped Him (Jn.9:35-38).

Moral :

Jesus heals us at the right time and makes us bold witnesses for His own glory.

Memory Verse : John 9:39

LESSON 13

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Luke 10:30-37

Contents :

1. This incident was narrated by Jesus to show who our real neighbour is.
2. A man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, fell among thieves. They stripped him of his clothes, wounded him and departed, leaving him half dead (Lk. 10:30).
3. First a priest came that way, saw him and passed by on the other side (Lk.10:31).

4. Then a Levite came, looked at him, and passed by on the other side (Lk.10:32).

5. Thirdly, a Samaritan came that way, who on seeing him was moved with compassion, went to him, bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, set him on his own beast, brought him to an inn, and took care of him (Lk.10:33,34).

6. On the morrow when he departed he took two pence and gave them to the host saying, “Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee” (Lk.10:35).

7. By narrating this incident, Jesus made clear that he who showed mercy was the real neighbour (Lk.10:36,37).

Moral :

Like the good Samaritan we should be compassionate towards those who are in trouble and help them in time of need.

Memory Verse : Hebrews 13:16

LESSON 14

MARTHA AND MARY

Luke 10:38-42 ; John 11:1

Contents :

1. Jesus entered the village of Bethany where there was a family of three members — Mary, Martha and Lazarus (Jn.11:1).

2. Martha received Jesus into her house (Lk.10:38).

3. Mary sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His word (Lk. 10:39).

4. Martha was cumbered about much serving and complained to Jesus about Mary for not helping her in the work (Lk.10:40).

5. Jesus’ answer revealing the difference in the spiritual attitude of the two sisters (Lk.10:41,42).

Moral :

We should first seek after spiritual things rather than physical needs.

Memory Verse : Colossians 3:1,2

LESSON 15

LAZARUS RAISED FROM THE DEAD

John 11:1-45

Contents :

1. Lazarus of Bethany was sick (Jn.11:1).

2. The relationship between Jesus and Lazarus (Jn. 11:3,11).

3. Though Jesus knew that Lazarus was sick, He abode two days still in the same place where He was (Jn.11:6).

4. When Jesus finally came to Bethany, it was already four days since Lazarus had died and had been laid in the grave (Jn.11:17).

5. Jesus conversing with Martha and Mary (Jn. 11:21-34).

6. Jesus came to the grave and commanded the people to remove the stone that was upon the grave and they obeyed (Jn.11:38-41).

7. Jesus prayed to the Father and then commanded with a loud voice "Lazarus, come forth" (Jn.11:41-43).

8. Lazarus came forth alive and many Jews believed in Jesus (Jn.11:44,45).

Moral :

If we believe, we will see the glory of God.

Memory Verse : John 11:40

LESSON 16

JESUS HEALS THE WOMAN BOWED TOGETHER

Luke 13:10-17

Contents :

1. Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath day (Lk.13:10).
2. There was a woman in the gathering who was bowed together for eighteen years (Lk.13:11).
3. She was bowed by a spirit of infirmity, and could in no wise lift herself up (Lk.13:11).
4. Jesus was moved with pity. He did not wait for the woman to ask to be healed. Instead He himself called her and healed her of her infirmity (Lk.13:12,13).
5. The people reproved by the ruler of the synagogue and Jesus' answer (Lk.13:14-16).
6. Jesus put His adversaries to shame and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things done by Him (Lk.13:17).

Moral :

Compassion is more important than literal observance of the law.

Memory Verse : Hosea 6:6

LESSON 17

THE PRODIGAL SON

Luke 15:11-32

Contents :

1. The two sons of a father (Lk.15:11).
2. The younger son asked for the portion of his father's goods that fell to him, gathered all together and took his journey into a far country (Lk.15:12,13).
3. He wasted his substance and when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in the land (Lk.15:13,14).
4. His being sent to feed the swine (Lk.15:15).
5. He did not get even the husks that the swine ate (Lk.15:16).
6. He remembered his father (Lk. 15:17).
7. His repentance and decision (Lk.15:18,19).
8. He returned to his father and his father accepted him (Lk.15:20).
9. The prodigal son repented and asked for pardon (Lk.15:21).

10. The father gave him the best robe, ring and shoes and ordered a feast (Lk.15:22-24).
11. The elder son returned from the field and came to know the reason for the feast (Lk.15:25-27).
12. The elder son's anger (Lk.15:28-30).
13. The father's reply (Lk.15:31,32).

Moral :

When a sinner goes to Jesus with a broken and a contrite heart, He will never cast him out. He accepts him gladly.

Memory Verse : Psalm 51:17

LESSON 18
THE TEN LEPERS
Luke 17:11-19

Contents :

1. Once on the way to Jerusalem Jesus entered into a village. There ten lepers met Him and besought Him to heal them (Lk.17:11-13).
2. Jesus asked them to go and show themselves to the priest according to the law, and as they went they were healed (Lk.17:14).
3. Only one leper who was a Samaritan returned to glorify God and to thank Jesus (Lk.17:15,16).
4. Jesus' conversation with him (Lk.17:17-19).

Moral :

We who have received the goodness from the Lord should have a grateful heart like that of the Samaritan.

Memory Verse : Psalm 116:12,13

LESSON 19
LAZARUS AND THE RICH MAN
Luke 16:19-31

Contents :

1. There was a certain rich man who was living a sumptuous life (Lk.16:19).
2. He had no understanding of a life beyond the grave or about helping the poor.
3. There was a certain beggar by name Lazarus, full of sores who was laid at the gate of the rich man (Lk.16:20,21).
4. Lazarus died and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom, and the rich man also died and was buried (Lk.16:22).
5. From hell the rich man saw Lazarus in Abraham's bosom (Lk.16:23).
6. The rich man's cry unto Abraham (Lk.16:24).
7. Abraham's reply (Lk.16:25,26).
8. The rich man's plea to Abraham for his brethren's sake and Abraham's reply to him (Lk.16:27-31).

Moral :

God disapproves of sumptuous living. We should not despise the poor, but have compassion on them and help them.

Memory Verse : Luke 16:9

LESSON 20

THE WIDOW AND THE UNJUST JUDGE

Luke 18:1-8

Contents :

1. The parable that Jesus narrated to show that we have always to pray and not to faint (Lk.18:1).
2. The nature of the judge in a city (Lk.18:2).
3. The widow who desperately sought his help to avenge her of her adversary (Lk.18:3).
4. The indifference of the judge (Lk.18:4).
5. The judge decided to avenge the widow because of her wearying him (Lk.18:4,5).
6. In matters concerning His elect who cry unto Him day and night, the Lord does justice speedily, even if He bears long with them (Lk.18:6-8).

Moral :

We should not be discouraged when God does not answer our prayers immediately. Continual prayers are sure to bring results.

Memory Verse : Philippians 4:6