

Sunday/Sabbath School Curriculum Outline for Mark & Acts

The following lessons are a composite of lesson outlines from various sources: (1) Teaching the Bible to Children manual; (2) Marianne Fast's revision and additions to #1 and what is being used in New Ireland, PNG; (3) Agatha van Ginkel's Big Books and SS lessons being used in Kenya; (4) lessons developed and used during BTL SSTT workshops; (5) Robin Rempel's recently developed series on 10 commandments.

Robin is also attempting to add more options for memory verses keeping in mind that perhaps only the NT or Scripture portions are available in the vernacular. Finally, she is currently (April, 2004) attempting further refinement by editing the truths to make sure they more clearly agree with the memory verse options.

Your constructive criticism and additions are welcome. Send feedback etc. to Robin_Rempel@sil.org. Also, anyone using these lesson outlines are free to adapt them.

The following lesson outlines are intended to assist in SS lesson development. These outlines do not take the place of teachers personally studying and preparing before a lesson is taught. It is recommended that for teaching most children, choosing just one truth for each lesson is helpful/best.

Lessons do not necessarily need to be taught in the order given. This outline can be used to help you create 4 - 7 years of SS curriculum for your church or Bible lessons for literacy classes etc.

THEME OR TOPIC	TITLE	BIBLE REFERENCES TO STUDY	CHOOSE A TRUTH TO TEACH	MEMORY VERSE OPTIONS
<i>Life of Christ</i>				
1. Life of Christ	Jesus' baptism	Matthew 3:13-17; (John 1:29-34; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-23)	♦ God declared that Jesus was His Son.	Matthew 3:17 or Mark 9:7 or Luke 9:35
2. Life of Christ	Jesus tempted in the wilderness	Matthew 4:1-11 (Luke 4:1-13; Mark 1:12-13)	♦ We defeat Satan by using the Word of God and prayer. ♦ Jesus understands all of our temptations because he was tempted too.	Matthew 4:4 or Luke 4:4 or Ps.119:11 or Heb. 4:12 or 4:15-16 or 12:1-4
3. Life of Christ	Jesus calls the disciples	Matthew 4:18-22, 9:9-13, 10:2-4; (Luke 5:1-11; John 1:40-50; Mark 2:13-17)	♦ Follow Christ immediately when He calls you.	Matthew 4:19 or Luke 5:11b
<i>Miracles of Jesus; Life of Christ</i>				
4. Miracles of Jesus	Jairus' daughter	Luke 8:40-56; (Matthew 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43)	♦ Jesus cares for each person and his needs; He loves children. ♦ Jesus has the power to save from death.	Matthew 19:26b or Luke 8:50 or Romans 14:8
5. Miracles of Jesus	The healing of the boy with the evil spirit	Mark 9:14-25	♦ Jesus has the power to save from evil spirits	Mark 9:23b or 1 John 4:4

6. Miracles of Jesus	Jesus feeds more than 5,000 people	John 6:1-14; (Mark 6:30-44)	♦ God can take the little we give Him and use it to help many. ♦ Even children can give. ♦ Jesus cares about people's needs. ♦ Jesus is more important to life than food.	Luke 6:38 or John 6:35 or Matthew 6:31,33
7. Miracles of Jesus	Lame man through the roof	<u>Luke 5:17-26</u> Mark 2:1-12, Matthew 9:1-8	♦ Jesus has the power to save from/forgive sin. He is God. ♦ We should boldly help others to know Jesus.	Luke 5:32 or Luke 5:20 or Mark 2:5 or 1 John 1:9 or Ephesians 4:19
8. Miracles of Jesus	Jesus walks on the water	<u>Matthew 14:22-33</u> , Mark 6:47-52; John 6:16-21	♦ Jesus has the power to save from natural dangers. ♦ We need to trust Him to help us. ♦ Jesus is the Son of God.	Mark 6: 50c(-51a) or Philippians 4:13 or Matthew 14:32-33
9. Miracles of Jesus	The healing of Bartimeus	<u>Mark 10:46-52</u> , Matthew 20:29-34, Luke 18:35-43	♦ Jesus has compassion for us. ♦ Jesus has the power to heal	Luke 18:27 or 1 Peter 5:7 or Mark 11:24
Parables of Jesus				
10. Teachings of Jesus: Parable	The mustard seed and yeast	Luke 13:18-21; Matthew 13:31-35 or Mark 4:30-34	♦ God's kingdom grows slowly but surely (persistently) until it permeates the whole world.	Luke 13:18-19 or Isaiah 11:9b or Psalms 22:27
Last week and Death of Christ: Easter				
11. Life of Christ: Palm Sunday	The triumphal entry	Luke 19:28-40, John 12:12-19, <u>Matthew 21:1-11</u> , Mark 11:1-11	♦ God was in charge of everything that happened in Jesus' life, making the promises come true.	Matthew 21:9(b) or Luke 19:38
12. Life of Christ:	The last supper	<u>Matthew 26:17-30</u> , Mark 14:12-26, John 13:1-30, <u>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</u>	♦ The Lord's Supper is for remembering Jesus' death. ♦ Jesus died, like the lamb at the time of the Passover. He died to give us life.	Matthew 26:28 or Mark 14:38 or Hebrews 9:28a

13. Life of Christ:	Gethsemane	Mark 14:32-51; <u>Matthew 26:31-46</u> , Luke 22:39-46; Hebrews 5:7-9	◆ When Jesus was troubled, he prayed and gave himself into God's hands. ◆ We should be like Jesus who always did what God wanted him to do even when it was very hard.	Mark 14:38 or Mark 14:36 or 1 Peter 5:7 or Matthew 26:39 or 41 or Hebrews 5:8
14. Life of Christ	Jesus is betrayed and arrested	<u>Matthew 26:47-56</u> , Mark 14:43-52, <u>Luke 22:47-53</u> ; John 18:1-11	◆ We should be like Jesus who was not angry with those who did evil to him ◆ He knew that in everything that happened, his Father was guiding him. ◆ Jesus gave Himself out of free will to die for us	1 Peter 2:22-23 or Matthew 26:52-54 or John 10:18 or 1 Timothy 2:5-6a
15. Life of Christ	Jesus trial before Pilate	<u>Matthew 27:1-2, 11-26</u> ; Mark 15:1-5, Luke 23:1-5, John 18:28-40,	◆ We must each decide what we believe about Jesus. ◆ We should love truth and always tell the truth.	1 Peter 2:23 or Romans 6:16 or John 18:37
16. Life of Christ: death/ Good Friday	The Crucifixion	Matthew 27:33, 35, 45-66 Mark 15:33-41, <u>Luke 23:26-27, 32-43</u> , John 19:17-30	◆ Jesus gave Himself as an offering to God for us. ◆ Jesus was sacrificed to take away the sins of many people (Hebrews 9:28) – so we could be God's friends.	1 Peter 2:24 or Romans 5:8 or 5:10 or Luke 24:46-47
17. Life of Christ: Good Friday	Death and burial of Jesus	<u>Luke 23:44-56</u> ; <u>Matthew 27:45-61</u> ; Mark 15:33-47, John 19:28-42	◆ Jesus' death was necessary to buy our forgiveness (Romans 8:3). ◆ God made us free by sending his Son to become a man and to be a sin offering for the world.(Colossians 1:14).	Ephesians 1:7 or Romans 5:8 or Luke 24:(46-)-47c
18. Life of Christ: Easter	The resurrection of Jesus	Matthew 27:62-66, 28:1-10; <u>John 20:1-23</u> ; Luke 24:1-12,35-49; Mark 16:1-8	◆ Jesus is victorious, He lives!! ◆ God's power is greater than death. (Romans 8:11, 1 Cor.15:54,55).	1 Corinthians 6:14 or Matthew 28:6 or Luke 24:46-47 or 47c or John 20:21

19. Life of Christ: Ascension	Jesus returns to heaven and gives his disciples work to do until he returns	<u>Act 1:1-11, Matthew 28:18-20; John 20:19-23; Mark 16:9-20; Luke 24:50-53</u>	♦ Jesus went to heaven and will come back again someday. ♦ Jesus is always with us. ♦ We have work to do until Jesus returns.	Act 1:11b or Matthew 28:18-20 or 1 John 3:2-3 or Mark 16:15, (16)
Stories from Acts				
20. Stories from Acts	Judas replaced by Matthaïas	<u>Acts 1:1-26</u>	♦ Judas betraying Jesus was part of God's plan ♦ Matthaïas was chosen to be an apostle -- an eye witness of Jesus' life and resurrection	Acts 1:21-22 or Acts 1:22b
21. Stories from Acts	Pentecost	<u>Acts 2:1-41, John 14:15-27, 16:5-16</u>	♦ The Holy Spirit came, as Jesus promised - He is a gift for anyone who is saved. ♦ God knows my language and wants to use it to help me understand Him (1 Cor. 14:10).	John 14:26 or Acts 1:8 or Acts 2:25 or Acts 2:38-39
22. Stories from Acts	Growth of the early church	<u>Acts 2:36-47</u>	♦ Believers are baptized to show they have turned from sin to God. ♦ The church grows by being devoted to: teaching, fellowship, remembering Jesus' death, and prayer.	Acts 2:38 Acts 2:42 Acts 2:47b
23. Stories from Acts	The lame man healed	Acts 3:1 - 4:4	♦ It is Jesus' name and faith through Him that brings healing. ♦ Because Jesus is alive, He still has power	James 5:16b or Acts 3:16 or Acts 2:21
24. Stories from Acts	Peter and John before the Council	Acts 4:1-31	♦ We must obey God rather than men. ♦ It is only the name of Jesus that can save and heal and make people bold.	Acts 4:12 or Acts 4:29-30 or Acts 5:29b
25. Stories from Acts	Ananias and Sapphira sinned against God	Acts 4:32-5:11	♦ God knows our hearts. ♦ We cannot hide anything from God.	Romans 6:23 or Ephesians 5:6 or Psalms 69:5 or Acts 5:4c-d

26. Stories from Acts	Stephen' stoning	Acts 6:1-15, 7:1-60: 8:1	◆ We must speak the truth even if it means suffering. ◆ We must forgive those who are bad to us.	Matthew 5:44 or Acts 7:60b or Luke 23:34a
27. Stories from Acts	Philip in Samaria	Acts 8:1-25	◆ Even if persecution makes us leave our home, we should still boldly tell others about Jesus ◆ The gift of God's Spirit cannot be obtained with money	Acts 8:4 or Acts 8:20
28. Stories from Acts	Philip and the Ethiopian	Acts 8:26-40	◆ We should always be ready to tell others about Jesus from the Bible. ◆ Those who look\call for the Lord find Him and are saved.	Acts 8:35 or 1 Peter 3:15 Romans 10:13 or Luke 11:10
29. Stories from Acts	Saul's conversion	Acts 8:1-3, 9:1-31	◆ When Jesus comes into our lives, we are changed/ transformed and it will be obvious to others. ◆ Only Jesus has the power to change [evil] people.	2 Corinthians 5:17 Acts 9:20
30. Stories from Acts	Peter heals a man and raises a woman in Jesus name and many people believe	Acts 9:32-43	◆ We should always do good. ◆ God's power is greater than sickness or death. ◆ Sometimes miracles persuade people to believe.	Galatians 6:10 1 Corinthians 15:55,57-58 Acts 9:43
31. Stories from Acts	Peter's visit to Cornelius	Acts 10, 11:1-18	◆ Salvation is for all people.	Acts 10:34b,35 or John 3:16
32. Stories from Acts	Peter's escape from prison	Acts 12:1-17	◆ God answers prayer.	Philippians 4:6 or Acts 12:5
33. Stories from Acts	Paul's first missionary journey with Barnabas	Acts 11:19-30, 13:1-12	◆ We should listen to the Holy Spirit and share the Good News with other people. ◆ God's Word is the foundation for believing	Matthew 28:19 Acts 12:24
34. Stories from Acts	Paul's journey (cont'd) and turning to the Gentiles	Acts 13:13-52	◆ The Good News is also for Gentiles -- anyone who believes	Acts 13:38-39a

35. Stories from Acts	Paul and Barnabas finish their journey in spite of suffering	14:1-28	◆ We should be faithful to God even in times of suffering.	2 Timothy 2:3 or Acts 14:22 or John 16:33
36. Stories from Acts	Council at Jerusalem	Acts 15:1-35	◆ God makes no distinction between Jews and Gentiles -- all are saved by grace (Acts 15:8-9)	Acts 15:11 or Ephesians 2:8-9
37. Stories from Acts	Paul's second journey with Silas to Macedonia	Acts 15:36-41, 16:1-15	◆ The Holy spirit guides us to do the right thing. We need to obey.	Psalms 23:3 or Psalms 31:3b or Romans 8:14
38. Stories from Acts	Paul and Silas in prison	Acts 16:16-40	◆ We should realize that God is with us in all situations, we can praise Him at all times. ◆ You must believe in Jesus to be saved from sin.	Psalms 92:1 or 1 Thessalonians 5:18 Acts 16:31
39. Stories from Acts	Paul, Silas and Timothy at Thessalonica and Bera	Acts 17:1-15	◆ It is a normal thing for believers to suffer in the process of sharing good news. Let's not fear or be ashamed. ◆ We should daily study the Bible like the Bereans did.	Acts 5:41 or 2 Timothy 1:8 or 2 Timothy 2:3 Acts 17:11
40. Stories from Acts	Paul at Athens	Acts 17:16-34	◆ God wants us to seek Him and worship Him	Acts 17:30b-31a
41. Stories from Acts	Paul works and teaches at Corinth for 2+ years	Acts 18:1-18	◆ We should not be afraid to speak out the message of Christ because Jesus is with us. (Isaiah 41:10)	Acts 18:9b-10a or Romans 1:16 or 1 Tim. 1:7-8a
42. Stories from Acts	Paul reports to Jerusalem & Apollos preaches boldly from the Scriptures	Acts 18:18-28	◆ We should study to learn the Bible well. ◆ Let's use the Bible to tell others about Jesus	Acts 17:11 or 2 Tim. 3:14-16 1 Tim. 4:13 or Acts 18:28b
43. Stories from Acts	Paul in Ephesus for 3 years	Acts 19:1 - 20:1	◆ We should be faithful to teach others about Jesus Christ. ◆ The name of the Lord should be honored and not abused.	Acts 19:20 Acts 19:17b-18 or Exodus 20:7
44. Stories from Acts	Paul in Troas for 1 week; Eutychus raised	Acts 20:1-12	◆ Jesus has power over death. ◆ We should encourage others.	John 11:25 1 Thessalonians 5:11 or Acts 20:2a

45. Stories from Acts	Paul warns the Ephesian elders about false teachers	Acts 20:13-38	- Warning: false teachers will come. They will distort the truth & cause divisions. - Warning: Be sure to teach and guide the church with God's whole truth.	Acts 20:29-30 Acts 20:27-28 or Ephesians 6:14
46. Stories from Acts	Paul goes to Jerusalem and is arrested	Acts 21:1-36ff	- We should be ready and willing to suffer or even die for Jesus. - Christians should be accountable to each other in the ministry	Acts 21:13b or John 16:33 or Acts 5:41-42 or 2 Tim. 3:12 Acts 21:19
47. Stories from Acts	Paul gives his testimony and almost gets whipped	Acts 2: (26-36) 37-22:30	- It is good to speak a language people understand when telling them about Christ. - Everybody in the whole world needs to know about Jesus.	1 Corinthians 14:10 Acts 22:15 or Matthew 28:19-20 or Mark 16:15
48. Stories from Acts	Paul's nephew stops Paul from getting killed	Acts 22:30- 23:35	- Suffering and persecution can often give us new opportunities to share the Good News with others. - Young people can often be used by God to help others.	2 Timothy 4:2 or 4:5 or 1 Peter 3:15-16a 2 Timothy 2:22 or 1 Timothy 4:12
49. Stories from Acts	Paul speaks to King Agrippa in Ceasarea	Acts 25 and 26	Everybody should turn away from sin, follow God and do good things.	Acts 26:20b or 26:28-29
50. Stories from Acts	Paul sails for Rome and is ship-wrecked	Acts 27	- God always does what He says He will do. - The Lord strengthens and saves in difficult situations.	Acts 27:25 or Romans 4:21
51. Stories from Acts	Paul on the island of Malta	Acts 28:1-10	The Lord allows circumstances in our lives that will show His power to others.	Acts 27:25 or Genesis 50:20 or Romans 8:28
52. Stories from Acts	Paul in Rome	Acts 28:11-31, epistles	God's salvation is available to all people. Not everybody will believe, but we need to believe.	Acts 28:28 or Acts 28:24 or 2 Timothy 1:8b,9a