

CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS STUDIES SECOND TERM E NOTES FOR BASIC FOUR

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Class:- Basic 4

Subject:- Christian Religious Studies

Week:- 1 and 2

Topic: Jesus power to forgive sin

Behavioral objective:- By the end of the lesson, the pupils should have attained the following objectives (cognitive, affective and psychomotor) and should be able to –

- 1. Define sin**
- 2. State the meaning of sin**
- 3. Mention some people that received forgiveness in the Bible.**

Instructional material/Reference material:- Learn Africa Christian Religious Studies UBE edition for primary school book 4, picture, chart.

Building Background /connection to prior knowledge : Students are familiar with the meaning of sin

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JESUS POWER TO FORGIVE SINS (Luke 15:11-24)

Guide to Bible passages

Mark 2:1 – 12; Luke 3; 15:11 – 32

Meaning of forgiveness of sin

To sin means to commit an offence or break God's law. When we fail to do what our parents, elders, teachers and those who rule us tell us to do, we disobey them and thereby sin against God.

Forgiveness means pardon. Sin refers to an offence against God. Forgiveness of sin, therefore, means to receive pardon from God for an offence against him. We have to know that every bad thing is an offence against God. We can pardon one another of our offences but it is only God that can grant the final or complete forgiveness. Jesus as the son of God also has authority to forgive sins. He proved that when he was here on earth.

People who received forgiveness in the Bible

a. The prodigal son

The prodigal son according to Luke 15: 11-24 was a lot sinner. When he realize his mistakes, he came back to His father, asks for forgiveness and was forgiven his sins.

Instances in the Bible of those who received forgiveness .A prodigal son rebelled against his father. He eventually repented and received forgiveness from his father. Paralyzed man go ,proving that Jesus has power to forgive sins. How the prodigal son repented and received forgiveness There was a man that had two sons. One day, the younger son told his father to give him what he was supposed to inherit from him. It was not yet time for him to ask

for that but he did not want to continue living under his father's control. The father was not happy with his son's request but he gave him his own share of inheritance. The son immediately left his father's house.

The prodigal son left home with his own share of his father's inheritance.^bThe prodigal son started keeping his master's pigs after he had wasted his money. The son went to a country far from his father. There, he lived bad life, and wasted the money and everything he got from his father. This was why he was called the prodigal son.

Eventually he became poor. When there was famine in that place, he began to suffer and could not even have food to eat. He was suffering so much that he had to beg a citizen of that country that was rearing pigs to employ him.

Though he started working for the man, yet he could hardly get food to eat. At a stage, he came to his senses and accepted that he had offended his father. He repented and took a decision to go back to his father and ask for forgiveness. When he went home, immediately his father saw him, he had compassion on him and he ran to meet him. The prodigal son confessed to his father that he had sinned against him and God. He told his father that he was not worthy to be called his son again. He said his father should take him as one of his hired servants. The prodigal son returned to his father's warm embrace saying, 'I have sinned against you and God...' His father forgave him and was happy that he repented and came back. Out of joy, the father called his servants to put on him the bestwears, the best shoes, and a ring. He also killed a very fat cow so that they could celebrate his son's return. The father said that they had to celebrate because his son that was lost had been found: He was like a dead person but had come back to life.

The prodigal son showed true repentance. His father had compassion on him and with joy received him back and forgave him.

B. The paralytic

When Jesus entered Capernaum, many people came to see Him. Four men brought a paralysed man lying on the bed. They could not get near Jesus because there was a great crowd in the house where Jesus was. They therefore removed the roof of the house, made an opening in it and let down the paralysed man in front of Jesus.

Jesus saw their faith and said to the man, ‘my son, your sins are forgiven’. Some of the scribes who saw what Jesus did accused him of blasphemy. But Jesus knew and asked them, “why do you question in your hearts; which is easier to say, “your sins are forgiven” or to say, “Rise up and walk.” But to convince you that the son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins.’ He then said to the paralysed man, ‘Rise, take up your bed and go home.’

The man rose up immediately and went to his house. The people that saw him were amazed and they glorified God.

Evaluation:-

1. What is sin?
2. What is forgiveness?
3 list two conditions necessary for forgiveness of sins.
3. Mention two importance of forgiveness.

Class:- Basic 4

Subject:- Christian Religious Studies

Week:- 3

Topic: Conditions For Forgiveness

Behavioral objective:- By the end of the lesson, the pupils should have attained the following objectives (cognitive, affective and psychomotor) and should be able to –

1. Identify the condition for forgiveness of sin
2. State the importance of forgiveness of sin

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Building Background /connection to prior knowledge : Students have learnt about how Jesus forgave people in the Bible in the previous lesson

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CONDITIONS FOR FORGIVENESS

Conditions for forgiveness

When we commit sins or offend one another, there are things we should do or steps we should take to receive forgiveness.

- 1 We must accept or realise that what we have done is wrong.
- 2 We should repent or become remorseful.
- 3 We have to make up our mind not to continue with that bad thing.
- 4 Then we ask for forgiveness.

Our repentance and change should be seen in our actions. John the Baptist told the people that came to him for baptism the same thing.

The importance of forgiveness/Moral lessons

It is very important to forgive and be forgiven for many reasons. For example,

- 1 As Christians, we should be obedient children of God by forgiving one another. In Matthew 5:23-26, Jesus says that if we do not reconcile or forgive one another, God will not be happy with us. He will not accept our prayers and offerings.
- 2 We need to have a forgiving mind so that God will forgive us when we beg for forgiveness. Jesus taught us in the Lord's Prayer, 'Father' forgive us our sins as we forgive those that sin against us'. Anytime we pray that, we are

promising that we would forgive others so that God can forgive us.

3 Forgive one another will help us live in peace and unity. People that do not have a forgiving mind are always having quarrels or conflicts.

4 We need to be forgiven our sins and forgive others so that we can have eternal life.

5 We should always beg God for forgiveness because sometimes, our problems might be punishment due to our sins. The paralysed man whom God healed when Jesus forgave him his sins is an indication that sickness can be due to sins.

Evaluation:-

1. List the two conditions necessary for the forgiveness of sin.
2. Mention two importance of forgiveness

Class:- Basic 4

Subject:- Christian Religious Studies

Week:- 4 and 5

Topic: Jesus prayed to the Father

Behavioral objective:- By the end of the lesson, the pupils should have attained the following objectives (cognitive, affective and psychomotor) and should be able to –

1. explain why Jesus prayed.
2. list out the contents of Jesus' prayer.

3. mention instances when Jesus prayed
- 4.. state the importance of prayer
5. identify things to pray for.

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Building Background /connection to prior knowledge : Students are familiar with the art of prayer

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JESUS PRAYED TO THE FATHER

Guide to Bible passages

Matthew 6; 21:22; Luke 6:12; 21:22

Reasons why Jesus prayed

Prayer is a means of talking to our heavenly father. Jesus, while he was physically here on earth, did pray to his father. Why did Jesus pray? He prayed to receive power, strength and grace to fulfill his mission, or task, on earth. Jesus always prayed to be a role model to his disciples. He also prayed to honour God, his father.

We as the followers of Jesus must do the same. Contents of Jesus' prayer Jesus taught us how to pray when he gave us 'The Lord's Prayer'. So, when we pray we should first give thanks to God. We thank God for giving us a new day, a new life. We thank him for providing food, clothes, money for our parents.

After thanks, we should confess our sins. We must forgive those who have offended us. This is to allow God to forgive us our own sins. We should tell God what we need. For instance,

1. We can tell God to give us wisdom, understanding so as to pass our examinations.
2. We can also pray to the Lord to let the government show concern for the citizens of this country.

3. Our prayer could be to ask the Lord to grant mummy and daddy sound health.

4. We must thank the Lord for hearing our prayers.

5. All prayers must be in the name of Jesus.

Instances when Jesus prayed

Jesus was always praying. Before he chose the twelve apostles, he went to pray. He prayed all night. When Mary and Martha sent for Jesus on the Jesus praying at Lazarus' grave death of their brother, Lazarus, Jesus went to the grave, thanked God and prayed for the dead Lazarus to rise up. The prayer was answered. Lazarus came back to life. Lazarus coming out of the grave. At the end of Jesus' life here on earth, when he faced death, he prayed seriously at the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus was always prayerful. We should always follow his examples of prayer.

Importance of prayer

It is important to talk to our heavenly father. When we do this, we shall have a right relationship with God. When we pray and ask God for our needs such as sound health, protection, wisdom and soon, God will answer us and we will become happy. Prayer is also important because it builds our confidence in God. When we are confident in God, we trust him more. Jesus prayed at the Garden of Gethsemane with his three friends.

Things to pray for

Human needs are so many that we do not have the power to do everything. For instance,

1. We pray for God's forgiveness when we sin against him.

2. We pray for our needs, such as good life, food to eat, clothes to wear and soon.

3. We pray to God to give our parents money so that they can give us what we need to live good life.

4. We also pray that our parents should livelong.

5. In all that we do, we pray for success and to live a victorious life.

Moral lessons

- 1. We must always be prayerful.**
- 2. When we ask God for anything, we should have faith that he will answer us**
- 3. We should give thanks to God always and when our needs are met.**

Evaluation:-

- 1. Explain why Jesus pray always**
- 2. Give two instances where Jesus prayed**
- 3. Mention three things we pray for.**

Class:- Basic 4

Subject:- Christian Religious Studies

Week:- 6 and 7

Topic: Jesus encouraged his disciples to pray in faith

Behavioral objective:- By the end of the lesson, the pupils should have attained the following objectives (cognitive, affective and psychomotor) and should be able to –

- 1. Explain how we should pray**
- 2. Highlight the importance of prayer**

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Building Background /connection to prior knowledge : Students have learned about prayer in the previous lesson.

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JESUS ENCOURAGED HIS DISCIPLES TO PRAY IN FAITH

When we pray in faith, we show that we believe God has the power to do what we ask from Him. This makes God to be happy with us and to answer our prayers. Jesus said if we have faith and do not doubt God's provision of whatever things we pray for in prayer, we will receive those things. Faith is a very good condition for prayers to be answered.

The importance of prayer

Prayer is the most important means of building a relationship with God. Prayer is important because it brings us into a close relationship with our creator, through His Son, Jesus Christ.

This relationship gives us the benefits of many blessings which God gives and which we need for day – to-day living. Such blessing include

- i. Provision of our daily needs of food, clothing and shelter.
- ii. Granting of good health and strength to work.
- iii. Victory over all the problems of life.
- iv. Granting of the power of the Holy Spirit to help us grow in faith and perform works of miracles.
- v. Divine blessings for prosperity in our homes, work and all that we lay our hands upon to do

Evaluation:-

1. List three importance of prayer
2. List four things you should pray for.

Class:- Basic 4

Subject:- Christian Religious Studies

Week:- 8 and 9

Topic: Jesus gave his life for us on the cross

Behavioral objective:- By the end of the lesson, the pupils should have attained the following objectives (cognitive, affective and psychomotor) and should be able to –

1. State reason why Jesus gave his life for us.
2. Explain the sacrifice involved in giving his life for us.
3. Discuss the importance of Jesus laying down his life for us.

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Building Background /connection to prior knowledge : Students know that Jesus Christ died on the cross to save us from sin.

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JESUS GAVE HIS LIFE FOR US ON THE CROSS

Guide to Bible passages

John 3:16; 15:13-14; Matthew 26:47-54; Luke 23:1-25

Why Jesus gave his life for us

Do you know what purpose means? Purpose is the reason for the existence of something. It is the reason why something exists. Everything has a purpose. This means that there is a reason why each thing was made. People also have a purpose for existing. God created everything for a purpose.

Jesus came to earth for a purpose. He talked about his purpose many times. God's purpose for sending Jesus to earth was for Jesus to seek and to save the lost souls. Because of sin, mankind was eternally lost. But God sent Jesus to save and redeem mankind from eternal death to eternal life. God did this because God loves us so much and does not want us to perish forever. He sent Jesus to give us life.

The sacrifice involved in Jesus giving his life for us

In order for Jesus to save us, he had to sacrifice his life. Another way of saying this is that Jesus had to lay down his life. Although God sent Jesus to save us, Jesus still needed to obey God's will by willingly giving up his life. That is what it means to lay down his life. Jesus became the sacrifice to save us from our sins. In order to become the sacrifice, Jesus went through horrible arrest, suffering, torture and death on the cross

The greatest love a person will ever have for his friend is to give his life for him. Jesus loves us so much that He gave His life to pay for our sins very many years ago. Apart from dying on the cross for us, Jesus also fulfilled the will of God. This is also the reason why the book of John chapter 3 verse 16 says, 'for God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes Him should not perish but have an eternal.' This was the main purpose of His coming to the world.

Jesus was very precious in the sight of God, yet God surrendered him to be born as a man and to suffer death on the cross so that man will be saved. This

shows God's great love for us. We should therefore, accept Jesus as our Lord and saviour.

Furthermore by giving His life for our sins, Jesus proved that the scripture is true because some prophets in the Old Testament had foretold that He would die for our salvation exactly the way He did. By His death, he reconciles us with God so that we can become children of God again.

The importance of Jesus Death on the cross for us

The following are reasons Jesus died on the cross for us

1. To save us from sin and death
2. To bring us into eternal life
3. To reconcile us with God

Evaluation:-

1. Give two reasons why Jesus gave his life for us
 - (a) _____
 - (b) _____
2. State the importance of Jesus death for us on the cross

