

WELCOME NOTE

Dear teacher,

All glory and honour be unto our loving Father in heaven. May you be filled with His love and peace as you prepare for the lesson.

Why was this new syllabus written?

1. The main objective of this is so that God's words are written on their hearts.
2. Second objective is that the children can apply what they have learned about the verse in their daily lives.
3. Third reason is so that as they grow up, when they face challenges, they will be able to have an impression of what they have learned and turn to God first.

Here are a few things you should do before you dive into the preparation:

1. Spend time with God. Being connected to the Holy Spirit is important because we are imparting His teachings.
 - a. Pray
 - b. Sing praises
 - c. Read the bible passage reference.

While preparing:

1. Decide the flow of your lesson. You don't have to follow the traditional way of teaching.
 - a. Do the craft first so that you can use it during the Bible story.
 - b. Play the game first so that the kids can understand the lesson from their experience.
 - c. Pick and choose the activities. The stated activities, games and crafts are only suggestions. Feel free to make changes to any part of the lesson plan to suit your teaching style.
2. Download the game or craft template if needed.
3. Regarding the story part, use your preferred method to bring the message across.
 - a. Power Point Slides
 - b. Ready videos from the Internet
 - c. Puppets

- d. Draw while telling the story
- e. Enlarged pictures
- f. Drama
- g. Adding in a song or two

During the lesson, spend time to get to know the children.

1. Use the time while they are doing craft or while waiting for their parents, take a chair and sit by the door and chat with them.
2. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to tell you which child you should approach for that day.
3. Here are some openings that you can use, questions like the following let the child feel noticed, important and cared for.
 - a. "How was your week in school/at home?"
 - b. "I noticed you are wearing.../you brought.../you look.../you have a scar on your..."
 - c. "Just now you told us about...do you want to tell me more?"
 - d. "You were running around/disturbing your friend/looking at something/playing with something. How did you feel?"
4. Pray with the child.

We hope that you will enjoy every bit of teaching these precious little ones. Let us remember that we are obeying Jesus' command to feed His sheep (John 21:15-17). May you be filled with the Holy Spirit and grow closer to the Lord.



Micah 6:8

To act justly and to love mercy.

Week	2
Bible Passage Reference	Micah 6 and 7
Topic	Justice and mercy
Focus	Bible Story
Memory Verse	Micah 6:8 To act justly and to love mercy.

Pre-lesson

1. Opening prayer
2. Short discussion
 - a. Do you remember what is "Justice" and "Mercy"?
 - b. Do you know a prophet named Micah?

Lesson

1. Recite the memory verse with the children.
2. Present the Bible story. You can use your preferred method of bringing out the story or refer to the simplified version of the story in the following page.
3. Discussion questions:
 - a. What did the Israelites do that made God very angry?
 - i. Some rich people used deceptive methods to rob the houses and fields of the poor;
 - ii. some officials took money and made unfair decisions
 - iii. some false prophets only said what people wanted to hear, regardless of whether it was true or not.
 - b. What did God hope His people will do? (God is a righteous and loving God. He wants people to treat others fairly and to love Him wholeheartedly.)

- c. Have you seen an unfair situation? What would *God* want us to do when we see this? (As a child, you can report to an adult. You must tell the truth.)
- d. Do you think that *God* is a stern *God*? (Yes, our *God* is a Holy *God*, He does not like sin at all.)

Bible Story



A long time ago, there was a man named Micah who lived in a small town called Moresheth. This small town was a quiet place in the south of the Kingdom of Judah. Although Micah was not a king or a general, he was a special person - he was a prophet chosen by God.



Who is a prophet? He is a person who can hear the voice of God. God will let the prophet know what he wants to tell the people, and then the prophet will pass the message to the people.



It turned out that people at that time did a lot of bad things. Some rich people used deceptive methods to rob the houses and fields of the poor; some officials took money and made unfair decisions; and some false prophets only said what people wanted to hear, regardless of whether it was true or not.



Micah was very sad when he saw these things. He knew that these actions made God very angry and also hurt God's heart too. God is a righteous and loving God. He wants people to treat others fairly and to love Him wholeheartedly. Micah stood up bravely and said to the people, "You are not doing the right thing! If you don't change, disaster is coming!"



Micah not only spoke to the southern kingdom of Judah, but also warned the northern kingdom of Israel. He said, "If you don't return to God, the enemy will come and attack you! Your cities will be destroyed and people will be taken away!" Sounds harsh, right? That's because God doesn't want them to keep going down the wrong path.



Later, it really happened: the northern kingdom of Israel was defeated by a powerful enemy. Micah was right.



However, Micah also brought a particularly good news. He said that one day there would be a king born in the small town of Bethlehem. He would not be like those bad kings who commanded people recklessly, but would be like a good shepherd, gently and powerfully protecting his people. Who was this king? It was Jesus who was later born for us!



Micah also told people that what God values most is not how many gifts you give or how good you look, but whether you are willing to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8).



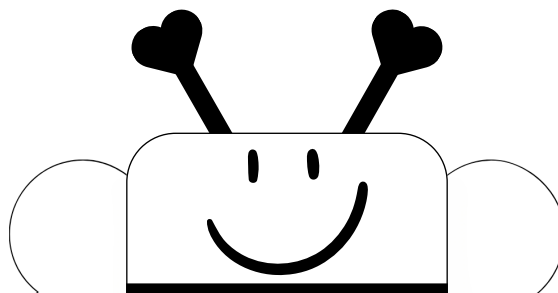
This verse also speaks to each of us today: Doing the right thing, caring for others, and

Game - Longest Caterpillar

1. Prepare popsicle sticks.
2. Divide the class into 2 teams.
3. Give one group more popsicle sticks than the other.
4. Before the game starts, tell the children - the group that is able to build the longest caterpillar will win.
5. The group that has lesser popsicle sticks will realise that and voice out their feelings of unfairness.
6. Use this chance to explain about being fair and how the Israelites were not showing fairness and mercy to the people around them as God has asked them to.
7. Play the game again, this time give each group the same number of popsicle sticks. Also, reward fairly.

Craft

Materials	1. Print out of craft template. 2. Colour pencils or crayons. 3. Glue 4. Scissors 5. Small googly eyes (optional) 6. Double sided tape (optional)
Before Lesson	1. Print the template of the bee book mark on card paper. You can use white paper then let the children colour in OR print individual parts on different coloured papers. 2. Cut out the craft template of the bee bookmark. 3. Option for "feelers" - use pipe cleaners. Cut them into about 5cm length. 4. To reduce time, you can put double sided tape on the parts that require glue.
During Lesson	1. Children are to colour the memory verse (and the bee if it was printed on white paper. 2. Glue all the parts of the bookmark together. 3. Glue on the googly eyes(if available) and draw the smile.



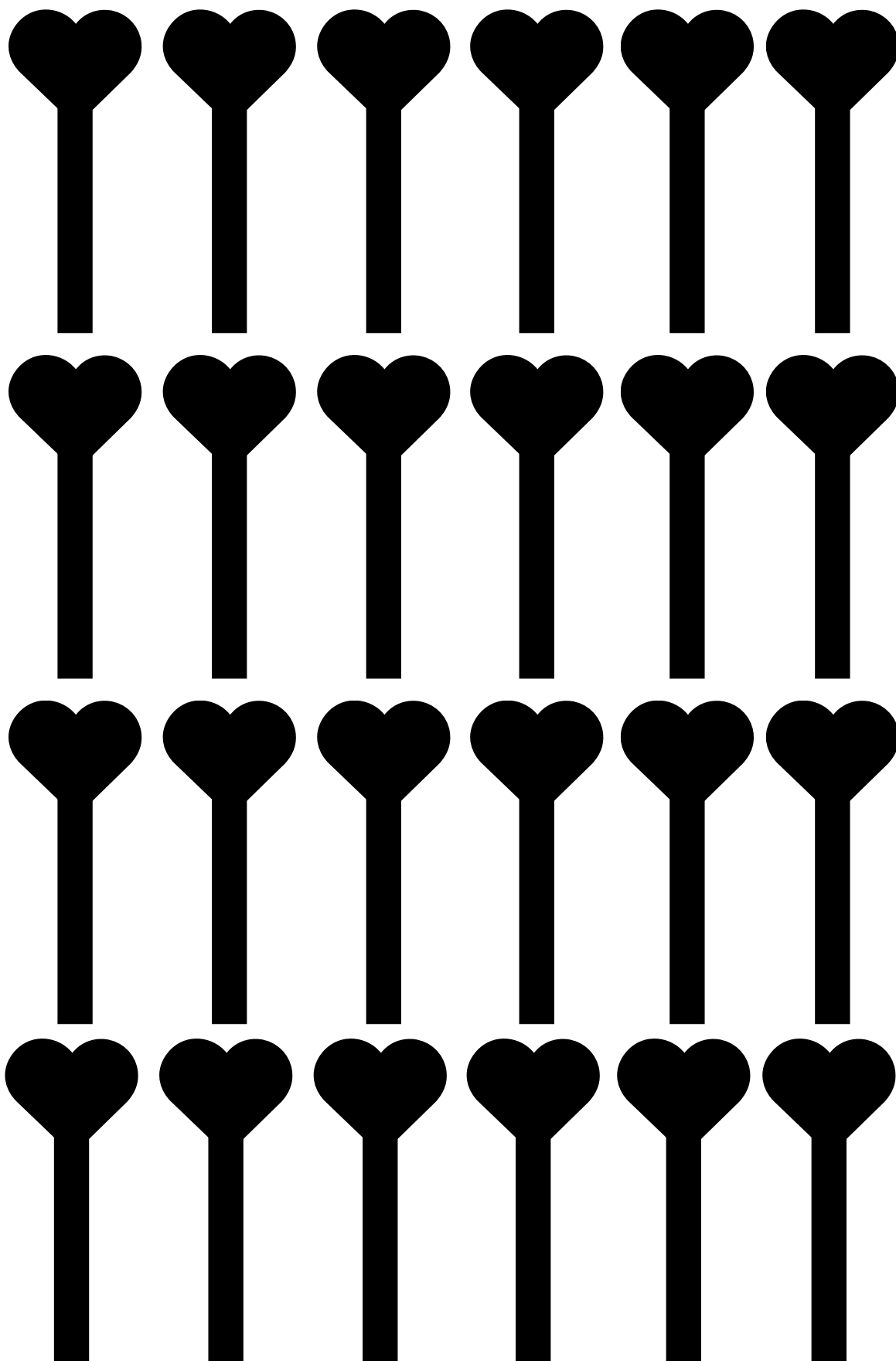
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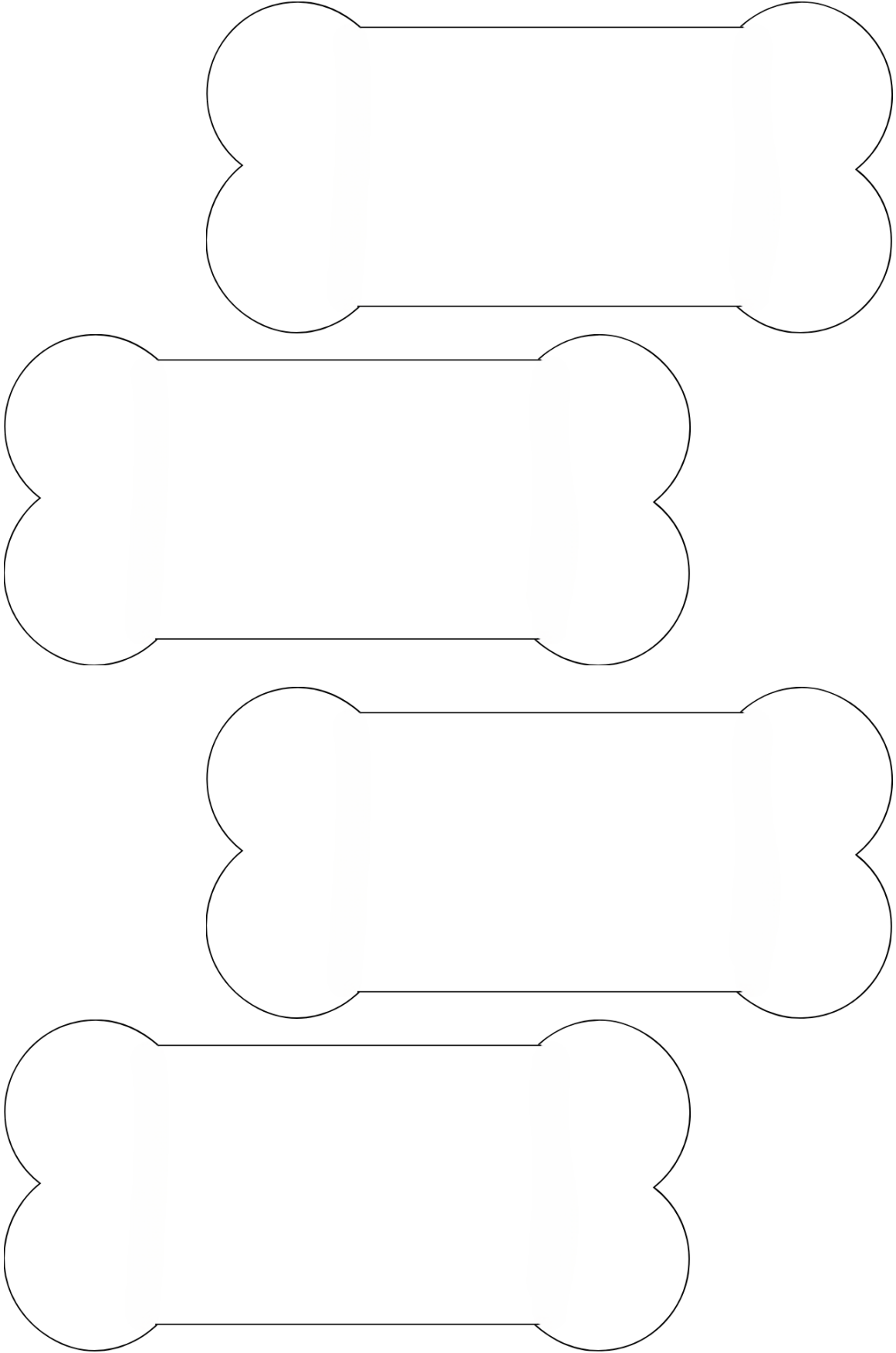
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Closing

1. Recite the memory verse with the children. Encourage them to practice at home.
2. Ask the children if they have any prayer requests.
3. Closing prayer: Dear Jesus, thank You for today's lesson. I learned that You are a gracious and compassionate God. Jesus, I am sorry for what I have done wrong, please forgive me. Help me to practice being merciful and just to everyone around me. In Jesus name I ask and pray, amen.