

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.
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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.



Overview

Week	2
Bible Passage Reference	Nahum 1 - 3
Topic	Self-control
Focus	Bible story
Memory Verse	Nahum 1:3 The Lord is slow to anger.

Pre-lesson

1. Opening prayer
2. Short discussion
 - a. Do you remember what is anger? (Anger is an emotion. When I feel angry I may feel irritable, tense, and anxious. I may also have negative thoughts.)
 - b. Is it important that we control anger? (Yes, if we do not, we will sin.)
 - c. What is the right way to control anger? (When I feel angry, I will turn to God in prayer immediately.)

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. Was God happy with what the people of Nineveh doing?
 - b. What did they do that was wrong?
 - i. prayed to idols

- ii. hurt the Israelites
- c. What did the Israelites do when they were suffering?
 - i. humbled themselves
 - ii. trusted in God
- d. Do you think God will protect you when you're in trouble?
- e. Do you have anything that you have done wrong and want to say sorry to God?

Simplified Version of the story in the book of Nahum



After many years since Prophet Jonah came, the people of Nineveh had forgotten about God. They had become God's enemies because they hurt God's people, the Israelites, very badly. What's more, they prayed to idols, fake gods, which makes God very angry with them.



This time, God sent Prophet Nahum to warn them that God will destroy their nation if they do not repent.



Prophet Nahum told the Ninevites, "Everyone in Nineveh, here is what God wants me to tell you. The Lord is a jealous and avenging God; He will take down Israel's enemies. This means that God does not want people to worship other things, you are only allowed to worship the Only God. Also, those who hurt His people, the Israelites, will be punished. The Lord also tells you that He is slow to anger but great in power. God will give you chance to turn to Him but do not forget that He is a powerful God. So, stop what you are doing and repent now."



The people of Nineveh chose not to listen and continued doing wrong against God. They continued to pray to idols and do things that are not pleasing in the eyes of God.

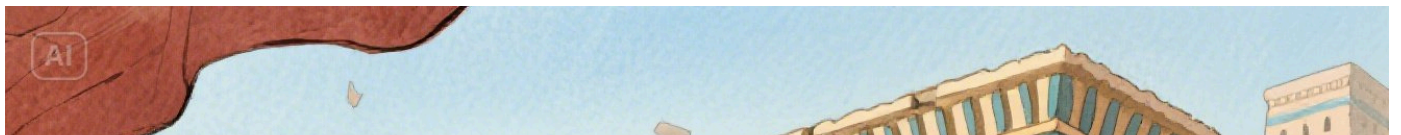


One day, there was a loud noise of running horses and chariots. The people of Nineveh asked each other, "What is that noise? What is happening?"

The soldiers standing on the city walls saw fire in a distance. They quickly blew their trumpets and shouted, "Run! The Babylon army is coming!"



The whole city panicked. But, none of the Ninevites could escape. The Babylonian warriors clashed through the city gates in their chariots. Nineveh had lost the battle.



Game - Drawing while Blindfolded

Items needed	1. Blindfolds 2. Blank papers 3. Writing stationery (pen/pencil/colour pencil/crayon) 4. Whiteboard marker
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1. On the whiteboard, draw a simple house with a triangle at the top and a square at the bottom. Windows and a door are optional.
2. Tell the children to draw the exact same house on their papers.
3. Ask them to turn their papers to the other side then put on the blindfold.
4. Tell them to draw the same house again.
5. Explain that a blindfold can prevent you from drawing a good picture, human anger can prevent us from having good desires, thoughts, and decisions! Which will cause us to sin at the end.

Craft

Materials	1. Printed craft template. 2. Scissors 3. Glue 4. Colourful popsicle sticks 5. A5 size - 160gsm card stock paper 6. Decorative stickers 7. Ribbon
Before Lesson	1. Print and cut out the strips of paper. 2. Punch 2 holes at the top of the card stock paper. 3. Glue the popsicle sticks on the empty card paper. If you have a smaller class, the children can do this in class.
During Lesson	1. Give out the paper with the popsicle sticks. 2. Give the children the first strip of paper "THE LORD IS". 3. When everyone has glued on the first strip, continue with the next. 4. Let them decorate with stickers.

Craft Template

THE LORD IS

SLOW TO ANGER

BUT GREAT IN POWER

NAHUM 1:3

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 Lord Jesus, we thank you for today's Bible story. We learned that you are a patient, loving, protective and just God. You promised that You will protect us whenever we are scared, I believe this with all my heart. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.