

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.

Habakkuk 3:18

I will be Joyful in God my Savior.



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Overview

Week	2
Bible Passage Reference	Habakkuk 3
Topic	Joyful in the Lord
Focus	Bible story
Memory Verse	Habakkuk 3:18 I will be joyful in God my Saviour.

Pre-lesson

1. Opening prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, I praise You because You are my saviour. Now, I want to be ready for Your teaching. Please help me to be attentive. Thank You, Lord, In Jesus' name I pray, amen.
2. Short discussion
 - a. Do you remember what it is to be joyful in the Lord?
 - b. Do you know a prophet by the name of Habakkuk? What kind of person do you think he is?
 - c. What do you complain about?

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. Why was Prophet Habakkuk sad? (He had prayed and waited a long time for God to answer him.)
 - b. Do you think God allows us to complain? (Yes, God loves to hear our voices.)
 - c. Can we complain non-stop? (No, We have to see God in our situation, be thankful for what He has already given to us.)
4. Recite the memory verse with the children. Encourage them to practice at home.

Simplified Bible Story



Prophet Habakkuk has the same job as Prophet Nahum and Micah which is to pass any message from God to the people. One day, Prophet Habakkuk prayed to God because he was sad that God had not saved the Israelites yet.



Habakkuk prayed, "Lord, why is there no justice? I have been waiting and praying for so long."

God heard Habakkuk and told him, "Write down what I am going to tell you."



So, Habakkuk prepared stone tablets and began to chisel what God told him.

God said, "I will send a strong army called the Babylonians to bring my people out of their current suffering."



Habakkuk was shocked, "Lord, these Babylonians are more wicked. Why did you choose them?"



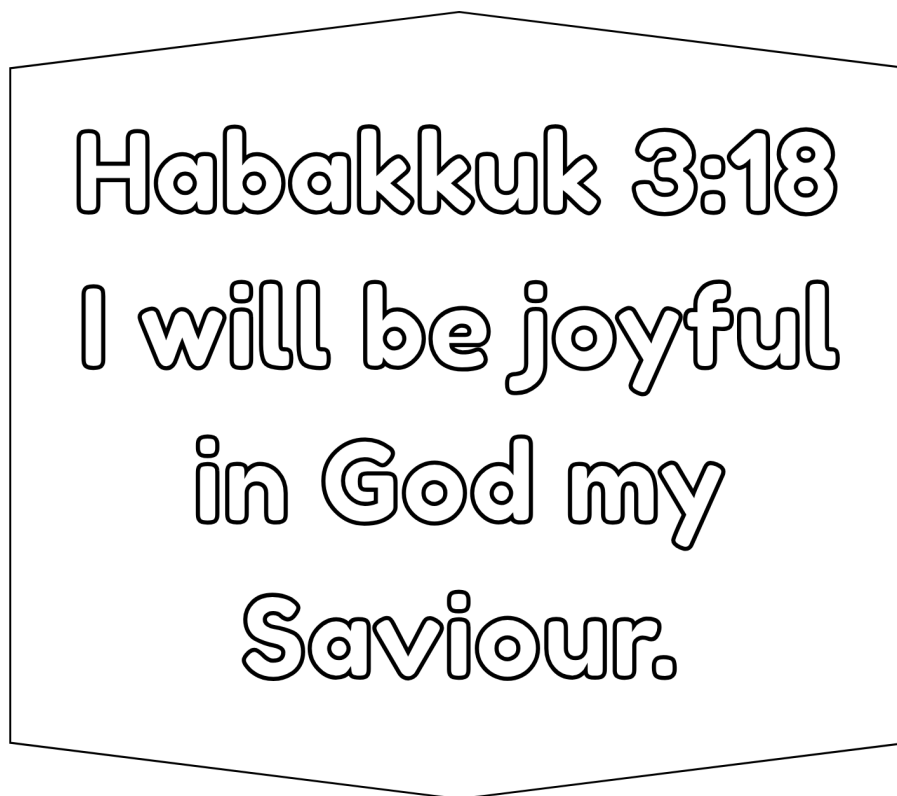
Game - Happy Dance

1. Prepare a playlist of happy and sad music.
2. When the teacher plays happy music, everyone has to dance happily.
3. When the teacher plays sad music, everyone has to sit down and not move.
4. Additional challenge, the one who moves has to sit out of the game. The last person standing wins a prize.

Craft - Dancing music notes mobile

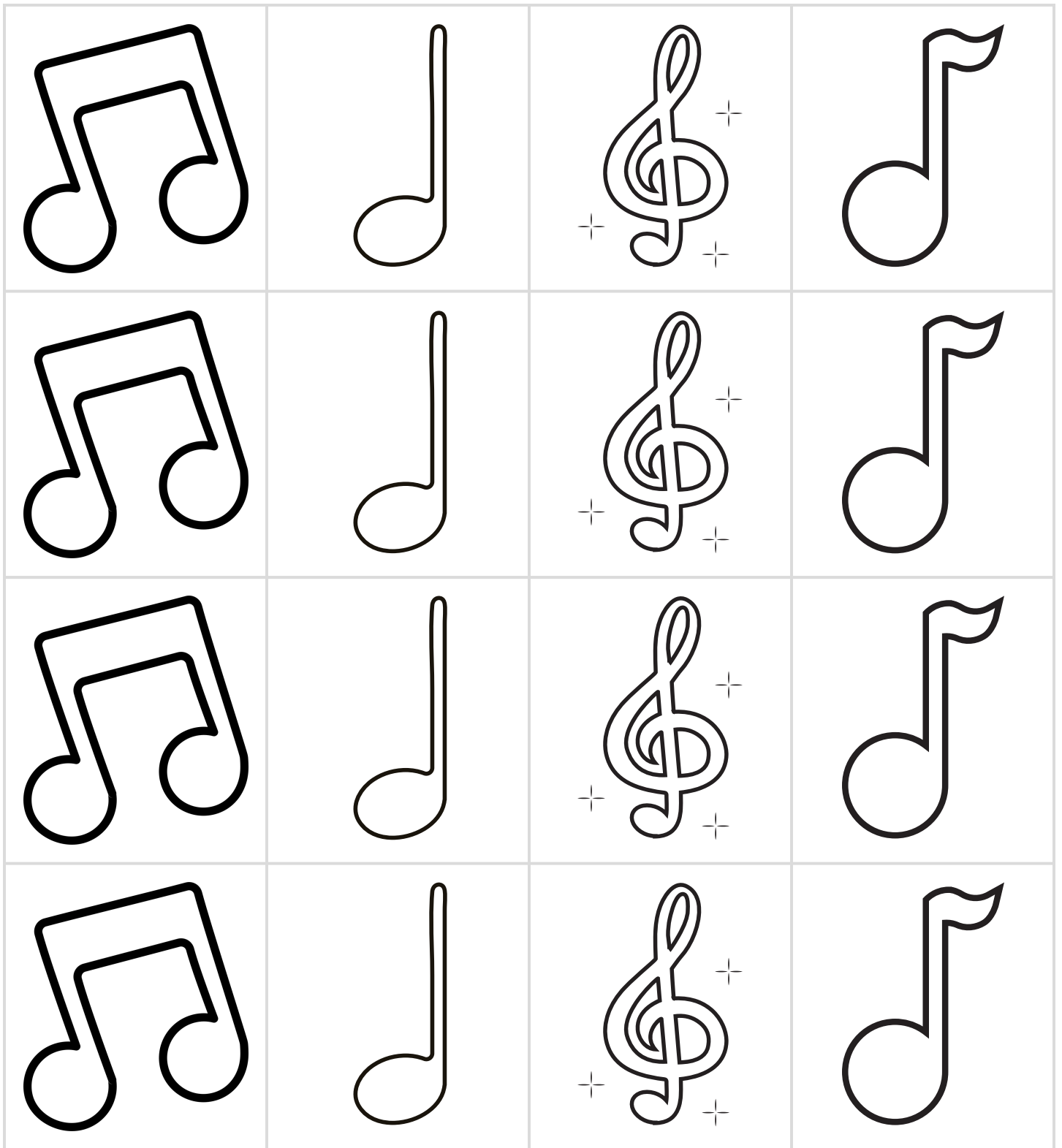
Materials	1. Printed craft template. 2. String / yarn / ribbons 3. Cellophane tape. 4. Colour pencils / crayons 5. Big popsicle stick
Before Lesson	1. Print and cut out the music notes and memory verse. 2. punch a hole at the top of each music note. You can also just use cellophane tape to stick on the string. 3. Tie one end of the string/yarn/ribbon to the popsicle stick.
During Lesson	1. Children colour the memory verse and music notes. 2. Using cellophane tape, stick one end of the string/yarn/ribbon to the back of the music notes and memory verse.

Craft Template



Habakkuk 3:18

I will be joyful
in God my
Saviour.



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 Father God, we thank You for teaching us today from the book of Habakkuk. We know that you love to hear us talk to You. Help us to talk to You at all times to share the happy, sad and painful things that we are going through. We pray all these in Jesus name, Amen!