

Adventure Club

A weekly lesson for children, young people, parents and grandparents, from the GCI Watford Church.
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Lessons

Abraham

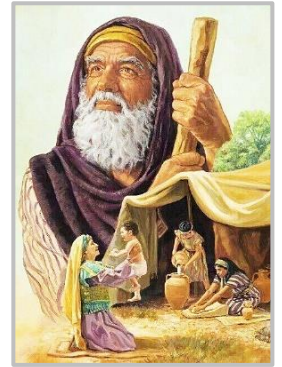
He was Faithful

Lesson:

'By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. . . . By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death' Hebrews 11:8-12, 17-19, *NIV*.

Some notes:

Abram (later changed to Abraham) came from Ur in Babylonia. His father was Terah. Abraham had two brothers called Nahor and Haran. Abraham married Sarai (later changed to Sarah). He died when he was 175 years old.



Caleb

He Followed God Wholeheartedly

Lesson:

'Because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it' Numbers 14:24, *NIV*.

Some notes:

Caleb was one the 12 men who spied out the 'promised land', but only he and Joshua were in favour of entering it. Caleb in Hebrew means *whole-hearted*.



Hezekiah

He did what was Good, Right and True

Lesson:

'Hezekiah trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel. There was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before him or after him. He held fast to the LORD and did not stop following him; he kept the commands the LORD had given Moses. And the LORD was with him; he was successful in whatever he undertook' 2 Kings 18:5-7, *NIV*.

'This is what Hezekiah did throughout Judah; and he did what was good, right, and true before the LORD his God. Every work which he began in the service of the house of God in keeping with the law and the commandment, seeking and inquiring of his God [and longing for Him], he did with all his heart' 2 Chronicles 31:20-21, *Amplified*.

Some notes:

Hezekiah was the 13th king of Judah. He came to the throne when he was 25 years old, about 616 BC. He reigned in Jerusalem for 29 years. God informed Hezekiah (through Isaiah) that He would add 15 years to Hezekiah's life and to prove that He would, He made the sun's shadow turn back ten degrees! (2 Kings 20:1-11).



Ezra

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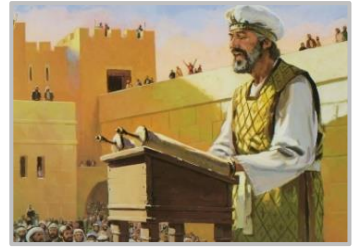
He Devoted Himself to Study

'Ezra came up from Babylon. He was a teacher well versed in the Law of Moses, which the LORD, the God of Israel, had given. . . . Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the LORD, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel.'

Ezra 7:6, 10, *NIV*

Some Notes:

Ezra led a group of Judean exiles living in Babylon back to Jerusalem in about 450 BC.



Daniel

Lesson:

He was Trustworthy

'Darius thought it would be a good idea to choose 120 governors. They would rule through all of his kingdom. And he chose three men as supervisors over those 120 governors. Daniel was one of these three supervisors. The king set up these men so that he would not be cheated. Daniel showed that he could do the work better than the other supervisors and the governors. Because of this, the king planned to put Daniel in charge of the whole kingdom. So the other supervisors and the governors tried to find reasons to accuse Daniel. But he went on doing the business of the government. And they could not find anything wrong with him. So they could not accuse him of doing anything wrong. Daniel was trustworthy. He was not lazy and did not cheat the king. Finally these men said, "We will never find any reason to accuse Daniel. But we must find something to complain about'

Daniel 6:1-5, *International Children's Bible*.

Then comes the story of God rescuing Daniel from the lions, consequently King Darius says:

' "I am making a new law. This law is for people in every part of my kingdom. All of you must fear and respect the God of Daniel. Daniel's God is the living God. He lives forever. His kingdom will never be destroyed. His rule will never end. God rescues and saves people. God does mighty miracles in heaven and on earth. God saved Daniel from the power of the lions". So Daniel was successful during the time that Darius was king'

Daniel 6:26-28, *International Children's Bible*.

Some notes:

King Darius is mentioned in three languages on the *Behistun Stone* in Iran. The stone, which is pictured, is about two and a half thousand years old.



'A Voice from the Cloud'

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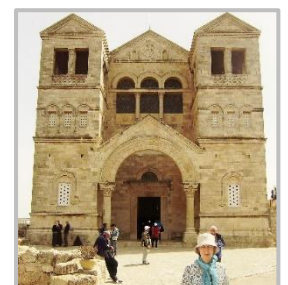
'Listen to Him'

'After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters — one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"'

Matthew 17:1-5, *NIV*.

Some notes:

The Bible does not say on which mountain the transfiguration took place. The highest mountain in the area is Mt Hermon, so this is a possibility. Another possibility is the traditional site which is on top of Mt Tabor. The bottom picture shows Jean Sole outside the Church of the Transfiguration on top of Mt Tabor. The above picture is an artist's impression of the transfiguration painted on the ceiling inside the Church of the Transfiguration.

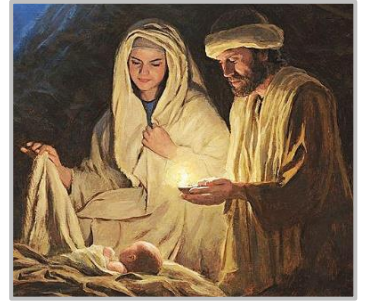


Joseph

Lesson:

He was a Just and Righteous Man

'Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by [the power of] the Holy Spirit. And Joseph her [promised] husband, being a just and righteous man and not wanting to expose her publicly to shame, planned to send her away and divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, descendant of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a Son, and you shall name Him Jesus (The LORD is salvation), for He will save His people from their sins" '



Matthew 1:18-21, *Amplified*.

Some notes:

As well as Mary giving birth to Jesus, Mary and Joseph were parents of James, Joses, Judas, Simeon and daughters as well.

Cornelius

Lesson:

He was Generous and Prayed Regularly

'At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!" Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. . . .

When the men got to Joppa and found Peter they said to him: "We have come from Cornelius the centurion. He is a righteous and God-fearing man, who is respected by all the Jewish people" '

Acts 10:1-5, 22, *NIV*.

Some notes:

Caesarea was built by Herod the Great in about 25-13 BC, quite a lot of it can still be seen, especially the harbour area. Pictured is Jean Sole next to a Roman aqueduct that brought fresh water to ancient Caesarea.



Apollos

Lesson:

He was Competent in the Scriptures

'Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus'



Acts 18:24-28, *ESV*.

Some notes:

Apollos was a formidable apologist. (An apologist is someone who speaks or writes in defence of someone or something. Apollos knew the scriptures so well that he was able to not only encourage believers through his effective communication abilities, but also to convince non-believers that Jesus was the Messiah.) The picture shows the ancient Roman Amphitheatre in Alexandria which Apollos may have seen.

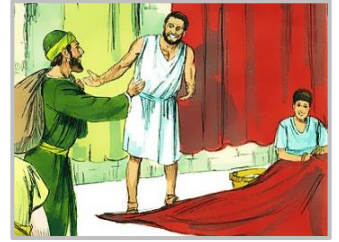
Priscilla and Aquila

They Worked Together in Serving Jesus

Lesson:

'After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he met a Jew named Aquila, who was a native of Pontus. Aquila had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla. The emperor Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see Aquila and Priscilla. They were tentmakers, just as he was. So he stayed and worked with them'

Acts 18:1-3, *NIRV*.



'Greet Priscilla and Aquila. They work together with me in serving Christ Jesus. They have put their lives in danger for me. I am thankful for them. So are all the Gentile churches'

Romans:16:3-4, *NIRV*.

Some notes:

After working together with Paul in Corinth, Priscilla and Aquila sailed to Syria with Paul (Acts 18:18).

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Mary

'Do What He Tells You'

Lesson:

'Two days later there was a wedding in the town of Cana in Galilee, and Jesus' mother was there. Jesus and his followers were also invited. At the wedding there was not enough wine, so Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." Jesus answered, "Dear woman, why are you telling me this? It is not yet time for me to begin my work." His mother said to the servants, "Do what he tells you" '

John 2:1-5, *Easy-to-Read Version*.

Some notes:

This vital advice comes from Mary the mother of Jesus. These five words carry more emphasis because they are Mary's last recorded words in the Bible. Pictured is the inside of one of the churches in Cana, Galilee.

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Mary (Sister of Martha and Lazarus)

She Kept Listening to Jesus

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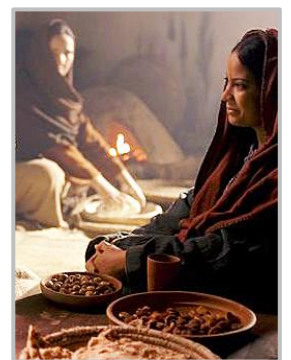
'Now as they were traveling along, Jesus went into a village. A woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and kept listening to what he was saying. But Martha was worrying about all the things she had to do, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, you do care that my sister has left me to do the work all by myself, don't you? Then tell her to help me." The Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha! You worry and fuss about a lot of things. But there's only one thing you need. Mary has chosen what is better, and it is not to be taken away from her" '

Luke 10:38-42, *Amplified*.

Some notes:

Jesus told Martha she needed to prioritise. Bethany is about two miles east of central Jerusalem.

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Tabitha (Dorcas)

She was Full of Good Works and Charitable Deeds

Lesson:

'At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did'

Acts 9:36, *NKJV*.

Some notes:

Tabitha made lots of clothes for people. After she died Peter prayed for her and her life was restored (Acts 9:37-43).



See if you can memorize some, or all, of these words:

'Imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises'

Hebrews 6:12, *NKJV*.

Word Search

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| ABRAHAM | FAITHFUL |
| CALEB | FOLLOWED |
| HEZEKIAH | GOOD |
| EZRA | STUDY |
| DANIEL | TRUSTWORTHY |
| VOICE | LISTEN |
| JOSEPH | RIGHTEOUS |
| CORNELIUS | GENEROUS |
| APOLLOS | COMPETENT |
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| MARY | LISTENING |
| TABITHA | CHARITABLE |

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Ten Excited Christians

Ten excited Christians attending Church from time to time; one fell out with the preacher, then there were nine. Nine excited Christians staying up too late; one overslept, then there were eight. Eight excited Christians on their way to heaven; one took the low road, then there were seven. Seven excited Christians singing like chirping chicks, one didn't like the music, then there were six. Six excited Christians very much alive, one got worldly, then there were five. Five excited Christians working even more, one stopped to rest a while, then there were four. Four excited Christians busy as a bee; one got his feelings hurt, then there were three. Three excited Christians couldn't decide what to do; one couldn't have his way, then there were two. Two excited Christians, the story's almost done; but one grew weary, then there was one. One excited Christian you'd think can't do much, tis true; but he brought a friend last week, then there were two. Two excited Christians kept attending Church, each brought one more, then there were four. Four excited Christians studying early and late; each brought a neighbour, then there were eight. Eight excited Christians, if they double as before, then in seven weeks you'd have one thousand and twenty-four! And in this little jingle there's a lesson to be true; you need to belong to the building crew.

Think of any number. Double it. Add on 14. Half it. Take away the number you thought of. The answer is 7!

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