**VICTORIOUS PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

**RE LESSON NOTES FOR P.3 TERM THREE, 2018**

**FORGIVENESS AND ACCEPTANCE (TOPIC ONE)**

What is forgiveness?

Forgiveness is the stopping of feeling angry with somebody for an offence or mistake.

It is when you stop getting annoyed with someone who wrongly.

**FORGEVENESS IN AFRICAN TRADITION**

Traditional ways of encouraging forgiveness

Long time ago the elders of the community encouraged forgiveness so much as a way of promoting harmonious living in the society.

**This was done in the following ways;**

a) By saying sorry to the person wronged.

b) By sharing a meal

c) Paying fines.

d) Through peace talks mediated by elders.

e) By following cultural norms, the tarboos and beliefs.

f) By condemning the hatred.

g) By telling stories about forgiveness.

h) By being tolerant with others.

**FORVENESS IN THE BIBLE (OT Gen: 27:1 – 25)**

The story of the two twin brothers – Jacob and Esau

* Esau and Jacob were the sons of Isaac and Rebecca
* When their father was about to die, he wanted tio give blessings to Esau but Jacob fooled his father and got the blessings instead of Esau.
* Esau hated Jacob because his father a had given Jacob the blessings as a result, Esau planned to kill his brother Jacob.
* Jacob ran away from home and went to stay with his uncle called Laban
* After many years, Jacob went to Esau and gave him many gifts. Esau forgave him. He hugged him as sign of forgiveness.

**How is forgiveness encouraged today?**

1. By signing agreements.

2. By holding peace talks.

3. Through religious teachings

4. Through guidance and counseling.

**The importance of forgiveness**

* Forgiveness promotes love for one another
* It promotes peace and unity among people.
* It promotes happiness
* It promotes friendship
* It take away hunger from a person
* It take away fear and promotes cooperation.
* It also prevents misunderstanding among people.

**Wrong doings in our society which required forgiveness**

a) What are wrong doings?

These are sins that people do in our communities.

b) What is a sin?

It is act of disobedience to God.

It is an act that annoys God.

**Examples of wrong doings**

* Adultery
* Incest
* Disobedience abusing others
* Raping others
* Defilement
* Theft
* Disrespecting others
* Not honouring the Sabbath coveting
* Stealing
* Telling lies

**What is a Christian expected to do after sinning**?

* To repent / confess/ ask forgiveness
* Resolving differences without violence

**What is violence?**

Violence is an action that can cause destruction or pain to others

**Differences among people we need to accept**

* Tribal differences
* Economic differences
* Religious differences
* Education differences
* Racial differences

**Things that make people different**

* Tribes
* Education levels
* Political parties
* Physical differences
* Religion
* Race
* Wealth one owns

**Ways of accepting and being tolerant to others differences**

* By forging each other
* By praying together
* By treating all people equally
* By feeling concern to all others
* By loving and caring for one another
* By sharing time of joys and sorrow.
* By being peaceful with others
* By being humble and fair to others
* By doing to others what we want them to do for you

**Conflicts**

A conflict is a strong agreement between two opposing groups or people.

**Causes of conflicts in our division**

* Adultery
* Cheating
* Fighting
* Stealing
* Corruption
* Being greedy
* Using abusive language
* Disobedience
* Rumour mongering

**Peaceful ways of solving violence**

* By asking for forgiveness
* By negotiating with each other
* Paying fines
* By writing agreements
* By forgiving the other offenders who repent to us.
* By using laws and rules.
* By using Bible scriptures (Luke 23:34)
* By praying to God

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**TREATING OTHERS FAIRLY (TOPIC 2)**

**FAIR AND UNFAIR BEHAVIOURS**

Fair behaviour means treating all people equally

Unfair bahaviours mean treating people with discrimination

**Way of treating others fairly**

* sharing things equally
* allowing people to have equal rights
* saying the truth bout others
* punishing all people of the same case
* awarding correct marks after marking the exams
* having concern for others
* being generous to others
* by being humble
* being peaceful

**importance of fair behaviours**

* brings happiness
* fairness pleasers God
* solves conflicts among people
* promotes friendship among people
* prevents sinning
* sources of confidence
* promotes unity

**unfair behaviour**

**Example of unfair behaviours**

* Not sharing thing equally
* Forcing a person to follow a certain religion
* Cheating examination
* Corruption
* Not judging people equally
* Stealing
* Telling lies
* Punishing people with the some case differently
* Being jealous of others
* Abusing children rights
* Dodging work
* Using abusive language

**Results / effects / dangers of unfair behaviours**

* it brings hatred among people.
* Leads to quarrelling
* Annoys God.
* Leads to fighting

**Causes revenge**

* Promotes disobedience
* Bring unhappiness
* It results into cheating

**Reasons why we should treat others fairly**

* To promote unity
* To avoid conflict
* To be holy before God
* To promote love

**Cheating**

What is cheating?

Cheating is gaining in a dishonest way.

**Examples of cheating**

* Copying exams
* Dodging work at home and school
* Giving bribe
* Overtaking others when getting food.
* Committing adultery
* Giving voters money so that they elect you.
* Selling fake goods to others.

**Causes of cheating**

* Lack of concern to others
* Being greedy
* Being unfaithful
* Lack o self control
* Lack of responsibility
* Being proud of oneself

**Causes of unfair behaviour**

* Being greedy
* Too much love for money
* Segregation
* Disobeying rules /laws
* Disobeying God’s commandments
* Too much love for success
* Need to please one person or group of people

**Ways of avoiding cheating**

* By obeying God’s commandments
* By sharing with other equally
* By obeying the rules of the country
* By being contented with what you have
* By working hard for our success
* By punishing people who treat other unfairly

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**JESUS BRINGS JOY (Topic 3)**

What is joy?

Joy is feeing of great happiness

Who is a prophet?

A prophet is God’s messenger who fore tells the future.

What is prophecy?

Is what one fore tells about the future.

**Examples of prophets who talked about the coming of Jesus in the OT**

* Prophet Micah (Jesus will be born in Bethlehem)
* Prophet Zachariah (Jesus will be the prince of peace)
* Prophet Isaiah

**Importance of prophecy of Jesus’ birth**

* It gives hope for salvation
* It prepares peoples heart to receive baby Jesus
* God’s prophecies come true

**THE ORIGINAL SIN / IST SIN**

This was the first sin committed by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden

Adam and Eve committed this sin by eating the forbidden fruit which was in the middle of the Garden of Eden.

The name Adam means mankind

The name Eve means mother of the living

The serpent / snake tempted Eve to eat the forbidden fruit

After Eve had eaten, she took part of the fruit to her husband Adam to also eat.

God got annoyed and punished them for disobeying Him.

**How did God punish Adam and Eve for disobeying Him?**

God chased them away from the Garden of Eden

Adam and Eve had to die.

Adam to sweat for food.

Eve to give birth in pain

The snake

To crawl on its belly

To eat dust

After the original sin, many people continued to sin against God and therefore God set a plan to save His people from sin.

Qn: What was God’s plan to save people from sin?

His plan was to send His only begotten son Jesus Christ to save people from sin

Qn: How did Jesus Christ save us from sin?

By accepting to die on the cross for our sin.

The birth of Jesus Christ (the Ist x-mas)

Jesus was born as prophesized in the OT

Angel Gabriel announced the Virgin Mary that she would conceive and give birth to the son of God (Jesus Christ)

Joseph was the foster/ earthly father of Jesus

Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ in a kraal at night in a two called Bethlehem

The baby was named Jesus Christ

The shepherd were the first people to see Jesus Christ

The three wise men came from the East to see Jesus

These men were led by the star to the place where Jesus was born

They brought gifts to baby Jesus e.g. Gold, myrrh, frankincense

After some time, baby Jesus was taken to Jerusalem to the temple to be prayed for

Jesus was circumcised when he was eight days old.

King Herod wanted to kill baby Jesus but Mary and Joseph ascaped with to Egypt.

Jesus grew up from Nazareth and became a carpenter like his father Joseph

Today Christians celebrate x-mas day to remember the birth of Jesus

**Events of the first x-mas**

* Population census
* Birth of Jesus
* Visit of angels to shepherds
* Visit of Jesus by the shepherds
* Visit of Jesus by white men led by star

**The Christmas day**

This is celebrated on the 25th Dec every year

**Ways we prepare for Christmas in now a days**

* We buy new clothes
* We prepare special food
* We prepare entertainment
* We make x-mas cards
* Writing x-mas messages

**Identify different entertainment activities during x-mas**

* Singing x-mas songs
* Dramatize birth of Jesus
* Telling stories about Jesus birth
* Dancing

**Ways Christians share the joy of Christmas day**

* By repenting our sins
* By cleaning the compound to welcome their saviour
* By decoration homes
* By sending x-mas cards an gifts to their loved ones
* By visiting relatives and friends
* By reading the Bible
* By praying together in the church
* By sharing meals with other people on x-mas day

**Importance of x –mas to Christians**

* Brings happiness
* Helps Christians to remember the birth of Jesus
* Promotes unity among x-tians
* Celebrations pleases God.
* Celebrations strengthens our faith in God

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