

P.4 R.E LESSON NOTES FOR TERM III

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TOPIC : Making our decisions as Christians

SUB TOPIC : Examples of Good and Bad Decisions

INTRODUCTION : The lesson will introduced by discussing the good and bad decisions

CONTENT : Examples of Good and bad decisions

Decision making is identifying and selecting a certain action in order to deal with a certain problem. Decision can either be good or bad.

A decision is a choice taken by a person.

Examples of good decisions

- Helping your parents
- Going to church on Sundays.
- Forgiving
- Being honest
- Not stealing
- Not taking alcohol

Examples of bad decisions

- Not going to church on Sundays
- Stealing
- Taking alcohol
- Refusing to study
- Refusing to help your parents

Note:

The decision we make affect what we are and what we shall be in future.

Effects of bad decisions

- They make God unhappy.
- They annoy other people.
- They put us to shame.

Importance of making good decisions

- They make God happy.
- They make our parents happy.
- They do not bring conflicts.

- Good decisions do not lead us to the bad future.
- They create friendship.
- They promote order.

Exercise

1. What is decision making?
2. Give two examples of good decisions.
3. State two examples of bad decisions.
4. Outline three importance of making good decisions

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TOPIC : Making our decisions as Christians

SUB TOPIC : Some biblical examples of decisions and their effects.

INTRODUCTION : The lesson will introduced by reviewing the previous lesson.

CONTENT : Good decisions in the Bible

Mary – mother of Jesus

She decided to accept the responsibility of being the mother of Jesus the Saviour.

Daniel

He decided to worship God despite the law which had been put. God saved him from the lions in which he had been thrown to eat him.

Bad decisions made by people in the bible.

The story of the sons of Eli. (1 Samuel 2:12 – 17)

Eli was a high priest in Israel. He had two sons Hophni and Phinehas. They made wrong decisions for disobeying God by:-

- Taking meat from the worshipers by force.
- Sleeping with women who worked in the temple.
- God punished them and died in the war.

Judas Iscariot

- The following were some of the wrong decisions made by Judas Iscariot:-

Judas Iscariot:-

- He used to steal Jesus' money in his money purse.
- He wanted to sell the oil Mary Magdalene had brought for Jesus.
- He betrayed Jesus Christ.

- He hanged himself

Herod the great

- He wanted to kill baby Jesus because he thought he would take his kingship.

Exercise

1. List any two people in the bible who made good decisions.
2. According to the Bible, who was thrown in the den of lions?
3. State any two people who made bad decisions in the bible.
4. Why should people make God decisions?

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TOPIC : Making our decisions as Christians

SUB TOPIC : How to make good decisions

INTRODUCTION : The lesson will introduced by reviewing the previous lesson

CONTENT : How to Make Good Decisions

We should not be quick or slow to make decisions. We need to think about these points before making decisions.

- Never be quick to make decisions .
- Good decisions produce good results.
- Bad decisions produce bad results.
- Whenever possible, make sure that your decisions are based on the right facts.
- Consider how your decisions can affect you and others
- Always ask God to help you to make right decisions
- Never make decision in fear or never fear to make decision.
- Allow others to advise you but not to decide for you.
- For one to make a right decision, one must desire the right to do what is right or good.

Making unselfish decision and keeping them with God's help.

- Selfishness is the act of caring for one's self and not others
- With god's help, we can make unselfish decision.
- The story of Ananias and Sapphira teaches us not to be selfish (they lied – Act 5:1 – 6).

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TOPIC : Peace

SUB TOPIC : The meaning of peace

INTRODUCTION : The lesson will be introduced by discussing what peace is

CONTENT : The meaning of peace

Peace is when there is no war or suffering in a given area of country.

Peace is also a state of being in perfect joy and happiness with God and with people.

Signs which show unpeacefulness

- Pain
- disunity
- shame
- unhappiness
- fighting
- quarreling

In the story of Adam and Eve, they lived in peace in the Garden of Eden.

When they ate the forbidden fruit, they lost their peace. They started feeling pain, shame, and unhappiness.

Peace given by Jesus

In John 14:27, Jesus says peace is what I leave with you.

It is my own peace that I give you.

- In order to get Jesus' peace, we need to obey God's commands.
- Uganda's national emblem is the Crested crane. It was chosen to be the emblem because it is a humble and peaceful bird.

Traditional ways of keeping peace

Activities in the societies which kept peace

- Celebrations
- Sacrifices
- Thanks giving
- Local games
- Exchanging visits
- Eating and working together.
- Child naming

- Circumcision
- Wedding parties

Exercise

1. Mention one sign which show unpeacefulness
2. Name the garden where Adam and Eve lived.
3. How did Adam and Eve disobey God?
4. What was the result of Adam and Eve's disobedience to God?
5. Give any four traditional ways of keeping peace.
6. According to John 14:27, what does Jesus leave his disciples with?

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SUB TOPIC : Traditional ways of keeping peace

INTRODUCTION : The lesson will introduced by reviewing the previous lesson

CONTENT : Traditional ways of keeping peace

- By praying to God for him to keep peace.
- By keeping god's commandments
- By keeping national laws.
- Listening to each other.
- Loving every body in the community.

The story of David and Abigail (1 Samuel 25:1 – 36)

- David sent a message and greetings to a man called Nabal.
- Nabal was mean and unfriendly. The wife of Nabal was Abigail.
- David sent his servants to tell Nabal that his shepherd and sheep were at David's place. David had not harmed any of them. David had sent Nabal for some eats
- However, Nabal just sent away the servants.
- When Abigail heard of what happened, she immediately went to David, knelt down and apologized. She gave David lots of cakes; loaves of bread, grains and many other presents then David forgave Abigail and her husbands.

The following were some of the traditional ways of bringing back peace.

- Paying fines.
- Asking for forgiveness
- Reconciliation
- Cleansing through sacrifices
- Handshaking / hugging in friendship.
- Discussing the causes and solutions of the misunderstandings.
- Sharing meals or drinks.
- Taking herbal medicine.
- Moving from the unpeaceful place to a peaceful one.

Exercise

1. State any three ways of keeping peace.
2. List any four ways of restoring peace.
3. What lesson do you learn from the story of King David and Abigail?
4. Why was King David not happy with Nabal.

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TOPIC : Peace

SUB TOPIC : Different ways of making peace in the bible.

INTRODUCTION : The lesson will introduced by reviewing the previous lesson.

CONTENT : LEVITICUS (26 – 3 – 20)

God promised peace to those who believe in him. In order to have peace of God, we must have faith in Him and His son Jesus Christ.

God tells us that if we live according to his commandments, He would do the following,

- Make us live safely in our land.
- Give us peace in our land.
- Enable us sleep without being afraid of any one.
- Stop all wars.
- Make us prosperous

Jesus made the following suggesting towards peace making

- Do not revenge on some one who wrongs you.
- When somebody asks for something, give it to him or her when someone wants to borrow something, lend it to him/ her.

- Love your enemies and pray for them.
- According to St, Paul, she has three suggestions for peace, these are:- (Corinthians 13:13)
- faith
- hope
- love

St. Paul says love is the key to peace

The bible gives us the following ways of having peace.

- To obey God's commandment.
- To help some one who asks for something.
- Not to be offended by people's acts.
- To be patient by people who demand things from us.
- To love one another.

Exercise

1. Whom did God promise peace.
2. What should we do in order to be with peace from God?
3. State what God will do if we live according to his commandments.
4. What are the three suggestions of St. Paul for peace?
5. Outline the ways of having peace according to the bible.
6. List any two Jesus' suggestions towards peace making.

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TOPIC : Peace

SUB TOPIC : The promotion of peace through communication and Reconciliation

INTRODUCTION : The lesson will introduced by reviewing the previous lesson.

CONTENT : The story of Kato and His neighbour

There lived a man called Kato in Bigadda in Rakai district. He was richer than all his neighbours.

He had a car, a nice house and a number of goats and cattle.

One day, Kato's cattle went and ate the neighbour's crops. During the meeting, the neighbour was angry, he explained the cause of the anger.

Kato stood up and apologized to the neighbour.

He bought some drinks and eats to the people.

Kato and the neighbour had reconciled.

In order to have peace, there must be good communication.

If somebody has annoyed you, you need to talk to him/ her about it.

When peace is brought back through proper communication, we call that reconciliation.

In Luke 22: 39 – 46, we read about how Jesus reconciled us with God.

Exercise

1. What is reconciliation?
2. What had Kato done to the neighbour?
3. Why was Kato's neighbour not happy?
4. What did Kato do after the neighbour explained why he was annoyed?

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TOPIC : The birth of Jesus

SUB TOPIC : Problems that disturb peace

INTRODUCTION : The lesson will introduced by discussing the problems that disturb peace.

CONTENT : Problems that disturb peace.

- Unforgiveness
- Hatred
- Injustice
- Tribalism greed
- Greed

Results of lack of peace

- Wars cause death
- They lead to hatred and destruction of property
- It leads to lack of trust to one another.

The suffering of Israelites in Egypt (Exodus 7)

- The Israelites lived in Egypt for a period of 430 years.
- Their ancestors went to Egypt because of famine in their land.
- The king who welcomed them died.
- The Israelites were forced to do hard work without payment.
- God used Moses to go and deliver Israelites from Egypt.

- The Israelites were suffering due to slavery.
- The Pharaoh first refused and God gave them punishments like:-
 - frogs
 - heavy rains
 - death of first born
 - boils
- Moses died on the way and Joshua led the Israelites to the Promised Land.

Israel at war with Syria

- Nations used to be at war in the Old Testament. Through wars, nations would expand.
- The king of Syria made plans to attack Israel.
- God had revealed the plans to the Israelites to the king through King Elisha.
- This annoyed the king of Syria.
- He thought that one of his people was revealing his secrets. Later he knew Elisha was revealing his plans.
- The king of Israel wanted to kill them but Elisha effused.

Exercise

1. List two problems which disturb peace.
2. Outline any two results of war in an area.
3. List two punishments God gave to the Israelites for not realizing the Israelites.
4. State the work of Elisha.
5. What was Exodus?

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TOPIC : Peace

SUB TOPIC : God's promised peace and how it comes.

INTRODUCTION : The lesson will introduced by reviewing the previous lesson.

CONTENT : God's promised peace and how it comes

Adam and Eve lived in joy and peace in the Garden of Eden.

When they ate the forbidden fruit, they lost the peace.

Due to God's abundant love, he planed to bring peace again through his son Jesus Christ.

Examples of peace God promised

- Rainfall
- Plenty of food.
- Safety in land
- Isaiah promised to bring peace to the world through the messiah.
- God's son would be called Immanuel and prince of peace.
- God's son would set his rule which bring peace.

The birth of Jesus – the prince of peace

- The Israelites lived under the Roman rule for a long time. The Romans were harsh and oppressed the Israelites.
- The Israelites had hope in coming of the messiah.
- An angel called Gabriel announced to her that she would be pregnant by the power of the holy spirit
- By then Mary was not yet married but engaged to Joseph, the carpenter.
- The savior was born in the town of Bethlehem in a kraal when Joseph and Mary had gone for population census.
- An angel of God appeared to the shepherds and told them that the savior had been born.
- The baby boy was named Jesus which means savior.
- After some time, baby Jesus was taken to the temple in Jerusalem
- Baby Jesus was born on 25th December which is the Christmas day

Exercise

1. Name the garden where Adam and Eve lived
2. How did God bring back peace to man.
3. Outline any three examples of peace God promised.
4. Why is Jesus referred to as the prince of peace?
5. Name the day Jesus was born.
6. State the mother of Jesus Christ.
7. Mention the heavenly father of Jesus.
8. Why was Jesus of Nazareth born from Bethlehem

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SUB TOPIC : Simeon's Message

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CONTENT : Simeon's Message

- Simeon was a God fearing man living in Jerusalem.
- Jesus and his parents found him in a temple.
- Simeon held Jesus in his hands and spoke out the message God gave him.
- "Now Lord you may let your servants go in peace" with message God gave him.
- God's promised peace was achieved through the birth, suffering death and resurrection of Jesus.

Seeking and promoting peace and comfort form God.

- No person can ever get peace unless he is reconciled with God.
- Through acceptance of Christ's salvation, we become daughters and sons of God. As Christians, we must always seek peace with others and God.
- When we have problems, we must seek for God's comfort and peace.
- Luke 12:22 – 33, Jesus assures us that God will always solve our problems because he knows them.
- Jesus told his disciples that he had left them with peace when he was going to heaven.

Exercise

1. Name the person who held Jesus in his hands in the temple.
2. State Simeon's message at the temple.
3. How was God's promised peace achieved?
4. How do we become sons and daughters of God?
5. According to Luke 12: 22 – 33, what does Jesus assures us?
6. What did Jesus leave with his disciples?

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TOPIC : Making our Decisions as Christians

SUB TOPIC : Good decisions in the Bible

INTRODUCTION : The lesson will introduced by discussing what decision making is. Giving examples of good and bad decisions in the Bible.

CONTENT : Examples of people who made good decisions in the Bible

John the Baptist

- He accepted to Baptize Jesus in river Jordan.
- He also preached about repentance to prepare for the coming of Jesus
- The mother of John the Baptist was Elizabeth
- John the Baptists met his death after being beheaded

Moses

- He accepted to rescue the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.
- Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt but he never reached the Promised Land.
- He also accepted to receive the ten commandments on Mt. Sinai

Joshua

- He accepted to lead the Israelites to the promised land of Canaan. he succeeded Moses.

Abraham

- He accepted to sacrifice his son Isaac.
- The mother of Isaac was Sarah
- Abraham also accepted to leave Haraan to Canaan.

Jesus:

- He accepted to be born like other human beings.
- He also accepted to be sacrificed for our sins.
- Jesus showed us love through the miracles he performed.

Exercise

1. List any three people in the Bible who made good decisions.
2. Mention the major message John the Baptist preached.
3. From which mountain did Moses receive the Ten Commandments?
4. Name the wife of Abraham.
5. State the promised land where the Israelites.
6. Why did God tell Moses to rescue the Israelites?
7. Which good decision did Abraham make?
8. Give two ways Jesus showed love to us.

9. State the reasons why Jesus died on the cross.
10. Mention Abrahams' son he wanted to sacrifice.

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TOPIC : Making our decisions as Christians

SUB TOPIC : Bad decisions in the bible

INTRODUCTION : The lesson will introduced by reviewing some examples of people who made bad decisions in the Bible.

CONTENT : Examples of people who made bad decisions in the bible.

Simon Peter

- He denied Jesus three times and after the cock crawled

Pontius Pilate

- He sentenced Jesus to death

Adam and Eve;

- They disobeyed God and ate the forbidden fruit.

Cain:

- He killed his brother Abel due to jealousy.

Jonah

- He disobeyed God by refusing to go to the people of Nineveh and instead went to Spain.
- He was swallowed by a fish

King Darius

- He ordered his officials to throw Daniel in the den of lions

Judas Iscariot

- He betrayed Jesus
- He hanged himself.

Exercise

1. How many times did Simon Peter deny Jesus?
2. Apart from Simon Peter, name any other three people in the bible whop made bad decisions
3. State the bad decision which Adam and eve made.
4. Name the third born of Adam and Eve.
5. Who sentenced Jesus to death?

