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**TOPIC 1: GOD’S CONTINUING LOVE FOR HIS PEOPLE**

**The story of creation (Genesis1, 2, 3)**

* The story of creation is found in the book of Genesis in the Old Testament.

**Qn: What does the word Genesis mean?**

* It means beginning /origin.

**Qn: Who wrote the book of Genesis?**

* Moses

**Qn: Give the meanings of the following;**

i) To create

This means to bring something new into existence.

ii) Creation

* This is the act of bringing something new into existence.

Or

* This means the earth and all the things in it.

**Qn: Who created the universe?**

* God.

**Qn: How long did the process of creation take?**

* Six days.

**Qn: Give the meaning of the term universe?**

* Universe is everything that exists in heaven and on earth.

The order of creation

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| **Day** | **Creation** |
| **First day** | **Light** |
| **Second day** | **sky** |
| **Third day** | **land, waterbodies, plant** |
| **Fourth day** | **Moon, star, sun** |
| **sixth day** | **Animals and man** |
| **Seventh day** | **A day of rest (Sabbath)** |

Activity

1. **Who was the first man to be created by God?**

* Adam.

2. **What does the word Sabbath mean?**

* Total rest.

3. **How was the creation of man different from that of other creatures?**

* Man was created in God’s image.

4. Why did God create man last?

* To look after /take care of other creatures.

5. **Why did God make man in His image and likeness?**

* God loved man most.

6. **Why did God create man?**

* To worship Him.
* To look after God’ creation.
* To co- create.

**Ways how human beings resemble God.**

* They were created in God’s image.
* They have ability to create other things.
* They have ability to look after other creatures.

Qn: **Draw and name three sources of light God created.**

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**Qn: Draw and name three things that man creates.**

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Qn: **What was God’s purpose of Sabbath?**

* To rest from wor**k.**

**Ways of caring for God’s creation.**

* Treating animals and birds.
* Feeding animals.
* Providing shelter to animals and birds.
* Keeping waterbodies clean.
* Using good farming methods.
* Planting trees.

**Importance of caring for God’s creation.**

* It enables people to have safe water.
* It enables people to have enough food.
* It promotes good weather.
* It helps to control diseases among God’s creation.

**Ways how people destroy God’s creation.**

* Through deforestation (cutting down trees).
* Through bush burning.
* Killing animals.
* Committing murder.
* Over grazing.

**Importance of God’s creation**

* Plants give us food.
* Trees help in rain formation.
* Land is used for cultivation (crop growing).
* Land is used for grazing animals.
* Trees provide firewood, timber.
* Waterbodies are sources of water.
* Animals provide meat, milk.

**The fall of man/human beings (Genesis 3:1 –** 13)

**Qn: Name the first man to be created by God**

* Adam

**Qn: From which material was Adam created?**

* Soil

**Qn: Who was Adam’s wife?**

* Ev**e**

**Qn: What did God use to create Eve?**

* Adam’s rib

**Qn: Name the place where Adam and Eve lived?**

* Garden of Eden

**Qn: Give the meaning of these names**

* Adam - Mankind.
* Eve - Human being

**Qn: How did the original sin come into the world?**

* When Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit

**Qn: Who committed the first sin?**

* Eve

**Qn: Which creature tempted Eve to eat the forbidden fruit?**

* Serpent/snake

**Qn: Give punishments God gave to each of the following for disobeying Him;**

a) **Adam**

* To work hard for food/ to sweat for food.

b) **Eve**

* To give birth in pain.
* To have desire for a husband.
* To be subject to a husband.

c) **Serpent**

* To crawl on its belly.
* To eat dust.
* To be crushed by human bei**ngs.**

**Qn: What was the immediate punishment God gave to Adam and Eve after disobeying** **Him?**

* He sent them out of the Garden of Eden.

**Results of Adam and Eve’s disobedience to God.**

* People die.
* Man works hard to get food.
* Women give birth in pain.
* Women have desire for a husband.

**Children of Adam and Eve**

* Cain
* Abel
* Seth

**CAIN AND ABEL (GENESIS 4:1-6)**

**ACTIVIT**Y

**1. Who was the first person to commit murder in the Bible?**

* Cain

**2. Why did Cain kill Abel?**

* It was because of Jealousy he had towards his brother.

**3. What was the work of these people;**

i) Cain farmer

ii) Abel shepherd

**4. Which punishment did God give to Cain for killing his brother**

* To become a wanderer.

**5. Who was the first person to die in the Bible?**

* Abel

**6. Give the lessons we learn from the story of Cain and Abel**.

* To avoid being jealousy.
* To offer to God generou**sly.**

**7. Genesis4:9 “Where is your brother Abel?**

a) Who said those words?

* God

**b) To whom were those words told?**

* Cain

**c) What had happened to Abel?**

* He had been murdered by his brother.

**8. Which son of Adam replaced Abel?**

* Seth

**9. What shows that God did not like Cain offerings**

* The smoke from Cain sacrifice went down.

**Qn: What is a sin?**

* A sin is an act of disobeying God.

**Qn: Give examples of sins people commit today**

* Stealing
* Committing murder.
* Committing adultery (sex outside marriage).
* Telling lies.
* Accusing others falsely.
* Fornication (sex between unmarried)
* Abusing
* Fighting
* Worshipping idols

**Causes of sin**

* Poverty
* Little faith
* Lack of jobs
* Lust

**Effects of sin**

* Death
* Shame
* Imprisonment
* Suffering

**Ways of overcoming sin.**

* Praying to God.
* Reading the Bible.
* Avoiding bad peer groups.
* Avoiding idle life.

**Qn: What can someone do for his sins to be forgiven?**

* Asking for forgiveness/ By repenting.

**REPENTANCE**

* Repentance means feeling sorry for something wrong you have done.

**Importance of repentance.**

* It promotes peace.
* It promotes friendship.
* It prevents revenge.
* God forgives us.

**Examples of people who repented in the Bible**.

* The lost son/ the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32)
* King David.
* Simon Peter.

**Qn: What is a parable?**

* A parable is a short story with a hidden meaning that Jesus used in his teaching.

Or

* A parable is a short story with hidden spiritual meaning.

**Qn: Give examples of parables in the Bible.**

* The parable of the lost son.
* The parable of the good Samaritan.
* The parable of the lost sheep.
* The parable of the rich fool.
* The parable of the unforgiving servant.
* The parable of the sower.
* The parable of the mustard seed.

**Reasons why Jesus preached through parables.**

* To confuse his enemies.
* For his apostles to understand easily.
* For his apostles to understand the hidden Kingdom of heaven.

**The parable of the Lost Son/Prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32)**

**Lessons we learn from the story of the lost son**

* We learn to be patient.
* We learn to repent.
* We learn to forgive others.
* We learn to respect our parents.

**The parable of thegood Samaritan (Luke 10:24)**

**Lessons learnt from the parable of the good Samaritan**

To helpful

To be kind to others

To show love and concern

**The purpose of Jesus’ coming (Mark1:1 -8)**

* Through the sin of Adam and Eve human beings spoilt their relationship with God.
* God decided to send His son Jesus as a saviour.

**Qn Name the saviour that God sent on earth**.

Jesus Christ

**Qn Give the meaning of these names**

Jesus - Saviour

Christ - anointed one

**Qn Who is a Saviour**?

* A saviour is someone who gets you out of danger.

**Qn: Why is Jesus referred to as the saviour of the world?**

* He died for our sins on the cross.
* Jesus earthly parents were Joseph and Mary.

**Qn Who is Jesus’ heavenly father?**

God

**Qn: what was the work of Joseph?**

carpenter

**Qn How did God bring back the relationship with man?**

* He sent His son Jesus to die for our sins on the cross.
* He sent His son Jesus to bring salvation to mankind**.**

**Prophets who foretold the coming of Jesus**

* John the Baptist
* Isaiah

**John the Baptist**

* John the Baptist is the prophet who prepared for the coming of Jesus.
* John the Baptist asked people to repent and baptize them in river Jorda**n.**

**Qn who were the parents of John the Baptist**?

Elizabeth

Zechariah

**Qn which message did John the Baptist preach about**?

Repentance

**Qn which punishment was given to Zechariah for doubting the angel’s message?**

To be dumb

**Zacchaeus (Luke19)**

**Qn: Name the sinner that Jesus visited.**

* Zacchaeus

**Qn: What was Zacchaeus occupation?**

* Tax collector

**Qn: Why did Jesus visit Zacchaeus?**

* To show that he cared for sinners as well.

**Qn; Which tree did Zacchaeus climb to see Jesus?**

* Sycamore tree.

Lessons we learn from Zacchaeus story.

* To pay back our debts.
* To confess our sins.
* To avoid cheating.

**Qn: What is a miracle?**

* A miracle is a wonder /strange event which shows God’s divine power.

**Examples of miracles Jesus Performe**d

* He turned water into wine at Cana.
* Healing the sick.
* Raising the dead i.e.Lazarus, Jairus’ daughter
* He walked on water.
* He cast out demons.
* He fed the hungry.

**Qn: Name the place where Jesus performed the first miracle.**

* Cana

**Qn: Give a reason why Jesus Performed miracles**

* To show that he was a son of God.
* To show God’s love to people.
* To show God’s power/authority.

**Qn write down four ways how Jesus showed love to his people.**

* He healed the sick.
* He forgave sinners.
* He preached the word of God.
* He raised the dead.

**TOPIC 2 : GOD’S PEOPLE AND THE LAW**

**The life of Noah (Genesis 6:1-8)**

Noah’s father was lamech

* Noah had three children;
* Ham
* Shem
* Japheth
* Noah was a farmer.
* Noah used to produce wine from grapes.
* The name Noah means **relief.**
* Noah was very faithful to God.
* God told Noah to build an ark to save him and is family from floods.
* **Why did God choose Noah to build the ark?**
* He was faithful
* It rained for 40 days and nights but it took 150 days for floods to dry up.
* **The 8 people who were saved from the floods**,
* Noah
* Noah’s wife
* Ham
* Ham’swife
* Japheth
* Japheth ‘s wife
* Shem
* Shem’s wife
* Noah sent a dove to check whether Floods had dried.
* Noah’s ark rested on mountain **Ararat**

**Qn: What is a covenant**?

* A covenant is an agreement between God and his people.

**Qn: Which covenant did God make with Noah?**

* He promised never to destroy the earth again with f**loods.**

**Qn: What was the sign of God’s covenant with Noah?**

* Rains bow

**Qn: Genesis 9:13 “am putting bow in the clouds, it will be the sign of my covenant wit**h **the world**.

**a) Who said the above words**?

* God

**b) To whom were those words told**

* Noah.

**Qn why did Noah curse Ham and his descendants? (Genesis 9:18-28)**

* Ham saw his father’s nakedness when he was drunk

**Lessons learnt from the story of Noah**

* We learn to have faith in God

**God’s covenant to Abraham (Genesis 12, 17 Genesis 17:7)**

* Abraham’s father was Terah who lived in Ur.
* His wife was Sarah.
* Abraham means **the father of all nations**
* Sarah means **mother of all nations**
* Abraham’s first name was Abram and Sarah’s first name was Sarai
* Abraham first lived in Haran but later went to live in canaan.
* Ishmael was Abraham’s first son whose mother was Hagar.
* Sarah gave birth to her son Isaac at an old age.

**God’s promises to Abraham**

* To make Abraham’s name famous.
* To curse those who cursed Abraham.
* To bless those who bless Abraham.
* To give him many descendants.
* To make him the father of all nations.

**Qn: What was the Physical sign of God’s covenant with Abraham?**

* Circumcision

**Qn: What was the covenant God made with Abraham?**

* To give him many descendants

**Qn: Name the two sons of Abraham.**

* Isaac
* Ishmael

**Qn: What was the original homeland of Abraham?**

* Ur.

**Qn: Name the place where God appeared to Abraham**.

* Haran

**Qn: Which was the promised land to Abraham?**

* Canaan

**Qn: What was the relationship between lot and Abraham?**

* Lot was Abraham’s nephew.

**Qn: Why is Abraham called Grandfather of believers?**

* He always obeyed God all his time

**Ways Abraham showed faith to God**.

* He accepted to sacrifice his son Isaac.
* He accepted to leave his homeland to the unknown land.
* He accepted to be circumcised at an old age.
* He accepted to change his name from Abram to Abraham.

Qn **How did God test Abraham**?

* To sacrifice his son Isaac
* To leave his homeland and go to unknown land

**Abraham tries to sacrifice his son Isaac**

God told Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac.

Abraham took his son Isaac to Mt. Moriah to sacrifice him.

A s Abraham was about to sacrifice Isaac, an angel of God told Abraham not to sacrifice him.

He provided a ram.

**Genesis 22:7 “I see that you have coals and wood, but where is the lamb for th**e **sacrifice”**

**a) Who said those words?**

* Isaac

**b) To whom were those words told?**

* Abraham

**c) What was Abraham’s response**?

* God himself will provide one.

**d) What did Abraham sacrifice instead of His son Isaac?**

* Ram

**Lessons we learn from the story of Abraham and Sarah**.

Abraham and Sarah

* We learn to trust God’s promises.
* We learn to be patient as we wait for God’s promises for us.
* We learn to be faithful to God.

**Sons of Isaac**

* Jacob
* Esau Twin brothers

**Jacob stole his brothers blessing(birthright)**

(Genesis 25: 27 – 34)

(Genesis 27 :1 – 29)

**Qn: What was Esau’s work?**

* He was a hunter

**Qn: What did Jacob give to Esau in exchange of his birth right?**

* Bread and pottage.

**Qn: How was Isaac tricked to give the blessing to Jacob?**

* They put goats’ skin on his body to feel hairy.

**Qn: Who is referred to as a cheat/thief in the Bible?**

* **Jacob**

**Qn: Why is Jacob referred to as a cheat?**

* He stole his brother’s blessing /birth right

**JACOB (GENESIS27 :1 -31)**

* The name Jacob means cheat /thief.
* Jacobs parents were Isaac and Rebecca.
* Jacob was a grandson of Abraham.
* Jacob was a twin brother to Esau.
* Jacob wrestled with an angel and his name was changed to Israel (Genesis 32 :22-33) s

**Jacob’s wives and children**

* Genesis (29:31 – 35)
* Genesis (30 :1 – 24)

Wives

* Leah
* Racheal
* Bilhah (slave woman)
* Zilphah (slave woman)

The 12 children of Jacob

* Reuben
* Simeon
* Levi
* Judah
* Zebulun
* Dinah
* Dan
* Naphtali
* Gad
* Asher
* Issachar
* Joseph

**Qn: Which son of Jacob was sold to Egypt as a slave**

* Joseph

**Qn: Mention the only daughter Jacob had**.

* Dinah

**God promised to Jacob**

* To have up many descendants.
* To protect Jacob.
* To bless all nations through him and his descendants.
* To give him and his descendants the land where he was lying.

**MOSES AND EXODUS (EXODUS 3 -7)**

**Qn: Give the meaning of the Word Exodus**.

* Departure/ Going out

**Qn: What is Exodus?**

This was the Journey of Israelites from Egypt to the promised land.

* The name Moses means pulled out water/ got from water.
* Moses ‘mother was **Jochebed** and his father was Amram.
* God appeared to Moses inform of a burning bush.
* God told Moses to Put off his sandals before the burning bush because he standing on a holy ground.
* God sent Moses to rescue Israelites out of slavery from Egypt.
* Moses led Israelites out of Egypt.

**Qn: Name the mountain where God appeared to Moses.**

* Mountain Horeb

**Qn: How did God appear to Moses?**

* Inform of a burning bush

**Qn: How were the following related to Moses;**

i) Zipporah - Moses’ wife

ii) Jethro - Moses’ father in law.

**Reasons why Moses first refused God’s call**

* He was stammer.
* He had killed an Egyptian

**Qn: Who was Moses’ spokesman?**

* Aaron

**Signs God gave to Moses to show that he had Power**

* To turn water into blood.
* To throw down his stick and it would turn into a snake.
* To put his arm into his robe and it would turn leprous.

**Qn: Give miracle Moses performed**

* He turned water into Blood.
* He threw a stick down and it turned into a snake.
* He put his arms in the robe and it came out diseased.
* He struck a stick on the red sea and a way through was created.

**Qn: Name the promised land for Israelites**

* Canaan

Qn: Which title was given to the ancient Kings of Egypt?

* Pharaoh

Qn: Name the place where the Israelites lived in Egypt.

* Goshen

**God’s punishments to Egyptians**

* God turned water of River Nile into blood.
* He sent frogs.
* He sent locusts
* He sent gnats
* He sent flies.
* Death of animals
* He sent boils.
* He sent hailstorms.
* He sent darkness.
* Death of first borns

**Qn: Mention waterbodies the Israelites crossed**

* Red sea
* River Jordan.

**Qn: How did Israelites cross the Red sea?**

* Moses struck a stick on the Red sea and a way through was created.

**Qn: Name the place where Moses died from?**

* Mountain Nebo.

**Qn: Who led Israelites to the promised land?**

* Joshua

**Problems Israelites met during their journey**

* They lacked fresh water to drink.
* They lacked food to eat.
* Attacks by their enemies i.e.Amalekites

**Solutions to problems Israelites faced...**

* He changed bitter water into fresh water.
* He sent food called Manna and quails
* He made a way through the Red sea.
* Egyptians soldiers were killed with waters of the Red sea.

**Qn: Which food did God provide to the Israelites?**

* Manna and quails

**Qn: What was the last punishment God sent for Egyptians?**

* Death of first borns (Human and animals)

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (EXODUS 20:1 -7**)

* These were the ten laws God gave to the Israelites
* God gave the ten commandments to Israelites because they were misbehaving.
* Moses received the Ten Commandments from mountain Sinai.

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

* Worship no other God except Me.
* Do not make yourself any images to worship.
* Do not use God’s name for evil purposes.
* Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
* Respect your father and mother.
* Do not commit murder.
* Do not commit adultery.
* Do not steal.
* Do not accuse any one falsely.
* Do not desire your neighbor’s wife or property.

**Qn: Mention the two greatest commandments.**

* Love the lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength.
* Love your neighbour as you love yourself.

**Importance of the Ten Commandments**

* They promote faith among people.
* They promote love and respect for one another.
* They guide people according to God’s will

**Kings of Israel**

* Saul
* David
* Solomon
* Ahab
* Josiah

**King Saul (1Samuel10:17 -24) (15:10 -25)**

* He was the first King of Israel.
* Prophet Samuel Anointed Saul as King.
* Samuel was the Last Judge of Israelites

**Reasons why Israelites wanted a king.**

* To be like the rest of the nations.
* To rule and lead them to war.
* To fight and win for them battles.

**Qn: Why did God reject Saul as King?**

* He disobeyed God’s command of destroying the Amalekites

**Qn: Who was the first King of Israel?**

* Saul

**Qn: Who is considered to have been wisest king of Israel?**

* King Solomon.

**DAVID AND GORIATH (1SAMUEL 17:1 -53)**

* Goliath was a strong giant leader of philistines.
* He carried a spear and shield for fighting.
* Goliath spoke against God and everyone feared Him.
* A young man called David asked for permission from King Saul to fight Goliath.
* David was a shepherd and his father was **Jesse.**
* David used a stone and a sling to kill Goliath.
* David’s name spread and later became the second king of Israel.

**Qn: Name the giant David Killed**.

* Goliath

**Qn: Who was David’s father?**

* Jesse.

**Qn: What was David’s work before becoming a king?**

* Shepherd.

**Qn: What did David use to kill Goliath?**

* A stone and a sling.

**Qn: Why was David able to defeat Goliath?**

* He had faith in God.

**Qn: Why did the Israelites fear Goliath?**

* **He was a great fighter.**

**Qn: Give lesson we learn from the story of David and Goliath**

* We learn to be brave.
* We learn to have faith /trust in God.

**THE TEACHING OF PROPHET AMOS(AMOS1,2,3,8)**

* Amos was a shepherd before he became a prophet.
* The name Amos means Strong Burden.
* Amos lived in the town of Tekoa in Judah.

**Amos message to people**

* He preached against injustice
* He preached against working on Sabbath day.
* He preached against worshipping idols.
* He preached against cheating of customers.

**Qn: Who is a prophet?**

* A prophet is an earthly messenger of God who foretells events.

**Qn: What did Prophet Amos preach against?**

* He preached against mistreatment of the poor by the rich.

**Prophets in the Bible**

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| **Major prophets** | **Minor Prophets** |
| **Isaiah**  **Jeremiah**  **Daniel**  **Ezekiel** | **Hosea**  **Joel**  **Amos**  **Jonah**  **Micah**  **Obadiah**  **Zechariah**  **Malachi** |

**Duties of prophets**

* To preach the word of God.
* To warn people against evil.

**Qualities of a prophet**

* A prophet should be a sound mind.
* A prophet should be trust worthy.
* A prophet should be of good behavior.
* A prophet should be protected from evil by God.
* A prophet should do miracles by the power of God.

**Revision**

**1. Name the holy book for Christians**

* Bible

**2. What is a bible?**

* A bible is a collection of books containing God’s word.

**3. Name the following**

i) First book of the Bible - Genesis

ii) Last book of the Bible- Revelation

**4. Give importance of the Bible to Christians.**

* **It** teaches us how to pray.
* God speaks to us through the Bible.
* It teaches us how to behave according to God’s will.
* It strengthens faith among Christians.
* It promotes spiritual growth among Christians

5. Mention the two parts of Bible the

i) Old Testament

ii) New Testament

6. What does the word gospel mean?

* Good news

7. List down gospel books you know

* The gospel according to Matthew.
* The gospel according to Mark.
* The gospel according to Luke.
* The gospel according to John.

8. List down the gospel writers

* Matthew
* Mark
* Luke
* John

9. Name the gospel writer who was a doctor.

* Luke.

**TOPIC 3: FOLLOWING AS A LEADER**

**JESUS AS LEADERS**

Qn: Who is a leader?

* A leader is a person given authority to manage others.

Qn: What is authority?

* Authority is the power/ability to give orders and to make others obey.

Things to which Jesus showed authority

* He showed authority over nature.
* He showed authority over sicknesses.
* He showed authority over death.
* He showed authority over sins.

Qn: How did Jesus show authority over nature?

* Jesus calmed a storm(Mathew 8:6 -27)
* Jesus walked on water ( john 6 :16 – 21)

Qn: How did Jesus show authority over sickness?

* He healed the sick.

Examples of sick people Jesus healed.

* A woman who was bleeding for twelve years(luke 8:42 -48)
* Blind people (Matthew 9:27-31)
* The dumb (Mathew 9:32 – 34)
* The lame (Mark1:29 – 34)
* A man with a paralysed hand(Mathew 12 :9 -24)
* People with demons ( Matthew 8:28 -34)

Qn: How did Jesus show authority over death?

* He raised the dead.

Examples of people Jesus raised from the dead.

i) Lazarus (John11:1 -44)

ii) Jairus’ daughter(Luke 8:40 -51)  
Qn: How did Jesus Show authority over sins?

* He forgave sinners(Luke 7:36 – 50)

JESUS’ AUTHORITY

* Jesus had authority to forgive people’s sins.
* He had authority over evil spirit/demons.
* He had authority to perform miracles.
* He had authority over nature.

Ways Jesus showed authority on earth.

* He calmed a storm.
* He cast out demons.
* He forgave people’s sins
* He healed the deaf , blind dumb, lame
* He raised the dead to life.

Qualities of Jesus as a good leader

* He was kind.
* He was honest.
* He was tolerant.
* He was generous.
* He was God fearing.
* He served all people equally (the rich and poor)

Qualities of a good civic leader.

* He should be kind and patient
* He should be loving.
* He should be helpful.
* He should be generous.
* He should be faithful to God.
* He should be honest.

**Confidence in Jesus authority**

Jesus followers

Qn: Who are disciples?

* These are followers of Jesus Christ.

Qn: Who is an apostle?

* An apostle is one of the twelve men Jesus chose to work with him.

Qn: Who are Christians?

* Christians are people who believe in Jesus Chirst’ teaching.

**JESUS’ APOSTLES(MARK1:14 -19)**

* Simon Peter
* Andrew
* James
* John
* Philip
* Bartholomew
* Judas Iscariot
* Simon the Patriot
* Mathew
* James son of Alpheus

Note: Apostles were disciples but not all disciples became apostles.

Qn: Who were the first four apostles to be called By Jesus?

* Simon Peter
* Andrew
* James
* John

Qn: What was the occupation of the first four apostles of Jesus?

* Fishing

Qn: Name the place where Jesus found the first four apostle

* Lake Galilee

Qn: Who was the father of James and John?

* Zebedee.

Qn: Write brief notes about the following apostles

I) Simon Peter

* He denied Jesus

ii) Judas Iscariot

* He betrayed Jesus Christ.
* He hanged Himself.

iii) Mathew

* He was a tax collector.

Qn; Give reasons why Jesus chose the twelve apostles.

* To help him in his ministry.

Qn: Why did Judas Iscariot betray Jesus?

* He wanted to get 30 silver coins.
* He had little faith.

Qn: Why did Simon Peter deny Jesus?

* He feared to be killed with Jesus.

Qn: Who succeeded Judas Iscariot?

* Mathias

Qn: Who was the most beloved apostle of Jesus?

* John

**Peter’s life with Jesus (Mark 14:66-72)**

* Simon Peter was one of 12 apostles of Jesus.
* He was a fisherman.
* He was the first apostle to be called with his brother Andrew.
* Simon was named Peter by Jesus after answering a difficult question that other apostles failed (Mathew 16 :15 -20)
* The name Peter means rock.

**Mathew 17**

Qn: What is transfiguration?

* This was Jesus’ Change from Physical form to spiritual form.

Qn: Mention the apostles who witnessed transfiguration

* Simon Peter
* James
* John

Events observed by apostles at transfiguration

* Jesus’ face shone like the sun.
* His clothes became white as light.
* The apostles saw Jesus talking to Moses and Elijah.

Qualities of Jesus’ followers( Christian)

* He should be kind and patient.
* He should be generous.
* He should be helpful.
* He should have faith and hope.
* He should be selfless.
* He should be honest.
* He should be trustworthy etc

Problems faced by early Christians

* Persecution
* Imprisonment
* Rejection
* Hunger
* Some were Killed.

Problems faced by early Christians

* Insecurity
* Lack of funds.
* Persecution
* High number of needy people who need assistance.

How to solve the above problems

* By following Jesus examples.
* Being to one another.
* By forgiving one another.
* By fasting.
* By praying to God.
* By believing in God.

Jesus’ instructions and promised to his disciples (Mark 6:7 – 13, Mathew 2

Qn: What instructions did Jesus give to his disciples when he was about to finish his work on earth?

* To drive out demons /evil spirit
* To preach the word of God.
* To heal the sick.
* To turn all people into Jesus’ disciples
* To baptize in his name

**The Holy Trinity**

Qn: Define the holy trinity?

* Holy trinity is the existence of three divine persons in one God.

Qn: Mention the three divine persons in Holy Trinity

* God the father.
* God the son.
* God the Holy Spirit

Qn: What is the role of the following?

i) God the father

* To create

ii) God the son

* To save

iii) God the Holy spirit

* To guide

**Activity**

Qn: Why did Judas Iscariot hang himself?

* He felt guilty after betraying Jesus.

Qn: Name the place where Judas Iscariots’ body was buried.

* Akeldama

Qn: Give the meaning of Akeldama

* Field of blood.

Qn: Name the person whose ear was cut off by Simon Peter and Jesus put it back

* Malchus

Qn: In which garden Did Jews pray from before he was arrested?

* Garden of Gethsemane

Qn: Give the difference between a disciple and apostle.

* A disciple is a follower of Jesus while an apostle is one of the twelve men Jesus chose to work with him.

Qn: What was a Jesus last miracle?

* He put back Malcus’ ear.

**TOPIC 4 : JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR**

How selfishness causes suffering and affects relationship

Qn: What is selfishness?

* Selfishness is the act of caring for oneself rather than others.

Qn: Give causes of selfishness

* Greed
* Hatred
* Jealousy
* Fear
* Envy

Qn: Give examples of selfish acts you know

* Committing murder
* Telling lies
* Stealing other people’s property
* Betraying others.

Qn: Give effects of selfishness

* Loss of true friends(Spoils, relationships)
* Hatred
* Lack of trust
* Imprisonment

Qn: Give the meaning of selflessness

* This is the act of caring for others rather than yourself.

Qn: Give examples of selfless act people do.

* Providing food to the needy.
* Providing clothes to the needy.
* Providing shelter to the needy.
* Providing medical care to the sick people.

Jesus selfless acts.

* He healed the sick.
* He raised the dead.
* He forgave sinners.
* He fed the hungry.

The events and meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus

* Holy week is a week before Easter Sunday which starts on Palm Sunday.

Events of the holy week

* The arrest of Jesus.
* The trial of Jesus.
* Jesus washed the disciples feet.
* Jesus served the last supper to his disciples.
* Jesus was crucified.

Jesus Trial (Mark14:53 -60)

* After Jesus arrest , he was taken before the chief priest for trial

Ways Jesus suffered at the trial

* They spat on him.
* They mocked him.
* He was beaten and blind folded.
* They tore his clothes.

Qn: Who denied Jesus?

Simon Peter

Qn: Why did Simon Peter deny Jesus?

* He feared death

Qn: Who sentenced Jesus to death?

* Pontius Pilate.

Qn: Give a reason why Pontius Pilate washed his hands after sentencing Jesus.

* To show that he was innocent of Jesus blood.

Qn: Name the criminal who was released instead of Jesus.

* Barabbas.

JESUS CRUCIFIXION AND DEATH(MATHEW 27, 32-53, LUKE 22 :14 -23

Qn: Give the meaning of the term crucifixion

* This is the act of killing someone by nailing someone on the cross.

Qn: On which day was Jesus crucified?

* Good Friday.

Qn: Name the place where Jesus was crucified?

* Golgotha

Qn: Give the meaning of Golgotha.

* Place of skull

Qn: Who helped Jesus to carry the heavy cross?

* Simon of Cyrene

Qn: Why is Joseph of Arimathea remembered in his Bible?

* He buried Jesus Body.

Events which happened before Jesus death

* There was total darkness.(Matthew 27:45 -54)

Events which took place after Jesus deaths’ death

* The curtain in the temple tore from top to bottom.
* There was an earthquake and rocks split apart.
* Graves broke and God’s people that had died were raised

Qn: Who helped Joseph of Arimathea to bury Jesus body?

* Nicodemus

Qn: How many days did Jesus’ body spend in the grave?

* Three days.

Qn; Where was Jesus’ body buried?

* In the tomb

The first three people/women who visited Jesus’ empty tomb( Matthew 28)

* Mary Magdalene
* Mary Mother of James
* Salome

Qn: Why did those women visit the tomb?

* To anoint Jesus’ body.

Importance of resurrection to Christians

* Christians got power over Satan, sin and death
* Christians have hope for life after death( eternal life
* Our sins were forgiven.

**IMPORTANT DAYS AND THEIR EVENTS**

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| **Day** | **Event** |
| **Palm Sunday** | **Jesus entered Jerusalem triumphantly** |
| **Holy Thursday** | **Jesus ate the last supper with the apostles.**  **Jesus washed the apostles feet**  **Jesus was arrested.** |
| **Good Friday** | **Jesus was crucified**  **Jesus body was buried.** |
| **Easter Sunday** | **Jesus resurrected.**  **Jesus rose from the dead.** |
| **Ascension day** | **Jesus ascended into heaven.** |
| **Pentecost day** | **Apostles received the holy spirit** |
| **Christmas** | **It is the day when Jesus was born.** |

Qn: Mention the two sacraments Jesus started on Holy Thursday.

* Holy communion
* Holy orders

Qn: Mention the two elements of Holy Communion

* Wine
* Bread

**Qn: What do the following represent in Holy Communion?**

* Wine - blood of Jesus.
* Bread - Body of Jesus.

**Qn: Why did Jesus wash his apostles feet?**

* To show that he loved them.

**Qn: Name the apostle whom Jesus left to lead the church**

* Simon Peter

**Qn: Give any two miracles of Simon Peter**

* He raised a dead person ( Dorcus)
* He healed a crippled man at the gate called beautiful.

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**TOPIC I: THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

The life of the early church

**Qn**: **What is a church?**

* A church is a group of believers in Christ.
* A church is a body of Christ.
* The leader of the church is Jesus Christ.

**Note:** A Church can also mean a place of worship for Christians.

* **A denomination is a group of believers.**

**Christian denominations in Uganda**

* Roman Catholic Church
* Anglican church of Uganda
* Seventh Day Adventist Church
* Orthodox Church.
* Baptist church
* Pentecostal church
* Presbyterian church

**UGANDA JOINT CHRSITIAN COUNCIL (UJCC)**

* This is a body/ umbrella which unites some Christina denominations in Uganda

**Denominations under UJCC**

* Roman catholic church
* Orthodox church
* Anglican Church (Church of Uganda)

**MAJOR DUTIES OF UJCC**

* It unites Christians.
* It promotes human rights.
* It mediates peace talks.
* To advise the government on important national issues

**Qn:** **Which day marked the beginning of church?**

* Pentecost day.

**Qn:** **What marked the beginning of the church?**

* The coming of the Holy Spirit

**Qn:** **Who is the leader of the Church?**

* Jesus Christ

**Qn**: **How does one become a member of the church?**

* Through Baptism

**THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH**

* The church began on Pentecost day.
* Pentecost day is the day when apostles received the Holy spirit.
* **THINGS WHICH HAPPENED ON PENTECOST DAY(ACTS 2:1-6)**
* Apostles started speaking in different tongues
* The apostles started preaching God’s word,
* The flames of fire rested on the apostles heads.
* Apostles started performing miracles.

**SYMBOLS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

* Strong wind ( John : 3:7- 8)
* Flames of fire( Acts 2:2 -3)
* Dove( John 1: 32)

**GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (CORINTHIANS 12 : 1 -13)**

These are different abilities Christians get to serve God after receiving the Holy Spirit

**EXAMPLES OF GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ( GALATIANS 5: 16-26)**

* Wisdom
* Faith.
* Prophecy.
* Speaking in tongues.
* Knowledge.
* Power to heal
* Performing miracles.
* Discernment
* Interpreting strange tongues.

**FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

* Love
* Peace
* Joy
* Gentleness
* Kindness
* Faithfulness
* Patience
* Self-control

**ACTIVITIES DONE IN THE EARLY CHURCH**

* Praying together.
* Preaching the word of God.
* Helping the needy.
* Sharing things together.
* Celebrating sacraments.
* Eating and drinking together.

**IMPORTANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO CHRISTIANS.**

Guides and leads them.

* Gives them power and anointing.
* Provides knowledge.
* Heips to preach the word of God.
* Gives them courage.

**ADVANTAGES OF SHARING**

* It brings blessings.
* It brings joy.
* It promotes unity/friendship.
* It helps members to solve problems

**ACTIVITIES DONE IN THE CHURCH TODAY**

* Praying
* Singing gospel/praising songs
* Celebrating sacraments
* Reading the Bible.
* Celebrating Christians festivals
* Giving offertory.
* Helping the needy.

**SACRAMENTS**

A sacrament is a visible sign of the invisible grace of Jesus Christ.

**Sacraments and their function**

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| **Sacraments** | **roles/functions** |
| **1**. **Baptism** | * **It washes away the original sin.** * **It enables one to enter God’s family.** |
| **2. Holy Communion**  **(Holy Eucharist)** | * **It enables Christians to receive the body and blood of Jesus** * **It enables Christians to remember the suffering Jesus underwent.** |
| **3. Holy Matrimony** | * **It makes marriage holy.** * **It unites man and woman as husband and wife.** |
| **4. Confirmation** | * **It strengthens faith among Christians.** |
| **5. Penance** | * **This is a sacrament through which Christians confess and repent of their sins.** |
| **6. Holy Orders** | * **This is a sacrament which confirms someone as a servant of God. Eg.Priest** |
| **7. Anointing the sick** | * **It enables a very sick person to repent of his sins before he dies.** * **It enables someone who is sick to go to eternal life in case he dies.** |

***Qn****:* **Give the two methods of baptism**

* Baptism by dipping.
* Baptism by sprinkling.

**Qn**: **Mention any materials used in Baptism**

* Candle.
* White cloth.
* Holy water.
* Holy oil/ Anointing oil.

**Qn:** **Mention two types of baptism**

* Baptism by water.
* Baptism by fire.
* Baptism by the Holy Spirit.

**Qn:** Who baptized Jesus?

* John the Baptist.

**Qn:** **Name the place where Jesus was baptized** .

* River Jordan

**Events which took place during Jesus` baptism.**

* Heaven opened and a loud voice was heard.
* A dove came and fell on the shoulder of Jesus.

**Qn**: **Why was Jesus baptized yet he was righteous?**

* He wanted to serve as an example of his followers.

**Qn**: **Mention the sacrament which is offered by a Bishop**

* Confirmation.

**Qn:** **Who is a priest?**

* A priest is an ordained servant of God.

**Qn**: **Mention the three major Christian rituals /sacraments**

* Baptism
* Holy communion
* Holy matrimony

***THE BEGINNING OF MISSIONARY WORK***

***Who is a missionary?***

* A missionary is someone who goes to a foreign land to preach God’s word

**Examples of early Missionaries in the Bible**

* **Phillip( ACTS 8: 26 – 40**
* He preached the word of God to an Ethiopian.

)

* Saul
* **Jonah ( JONAH : 1 -17)**
* He was sent to Nineveh to preach to God’ people.
* Stephen

**ST. STEPHEN(ACTS7:54 – 8:2)**

**Qn:** **Name the first Christian martyr in the Bible.**

* St. Stephen

**Qn**: **How did St. Stephen meet his death?**

* He was stoned to death

**Qn:** **Who is a martyr?**

* A martyr is someone who dies for his faith/religion.

**Saul (Acts9 :1 – 30**

* Saul first persecuted followers of Jesus in Jerusalem.
* The light from the sky flashed on him as he was going to Damascus.
* The voice from heaven asked Saul.
* **“Why do you persecute me?”**
* Saul later believed in Jesus and was baptized by Ananias.
* His name later changed to Paul.
* He started preaching God’s word.
* He converted many people to Christianity.

**METHODS PAUL USED TO PREACH THE WORD OF GOD**

* He wrote epistles( letters)
* He discussed Christian issues with people.

**What are epistles?**

* Epistles are letters that were written to different people in the Bible.

**EXAMPLES OF EPISTLES PAUL WROTE**

* Romans
* Ephesians
* Colossians
* 1 Corinthians
* 1 Thessalonians
* 2 Thessalonians
* 2 Corinthians
* Philippians
* Galatians
* Titus
* 1 Timothy
* 2 Timothy
* Philemon
* Hebrews

**MISSIONARY WORK IN UGANDA**

* Before the coming of the foreign religions, Uganda belonged to A.T.R

**Qn:** **Write A.T.R in full**

* African Traditional Religion

**Qn:** **Name the first foreign religion to be introduced in Uganda.**

* Islam

**Qn:** **Who introduced Islam in Uganda?**

* The Arabs

**Qn**: **Who was the King of Buganda by the time Arabs came?**

* Kabaka Ssuuna II

**Qn:** **Who is a missionary?**

* A missionary is someone who goes to a foreign land to preach God’s word.

**Qn:** **Who invited missionaries to come to Uganda?**

* Kabaka Muteesa 1

**Reasons why Missionaries were invited to come to Uganda**

* To spread Christianity
* To teach people how to read and write

**TWO GROUPS OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES THAT CAME TO UGANDA.**

* Roman Catholic Missionaries from France
* Protestant Missionaries from England.
* They were sent by the Church Missionary Society( C. M. S)

**THESE MISSIONARIES WERE:**

* Rev. CT. Wilson
* Shergold Smith

Rev. Alexander Mackay

Mackay brought the first **printing press** in Uganda.

In 1879, another group of catholic missionaries arrived in Uganda.

They were:

* Father Simon Lourdel Mapera
* Brother Amans Delmas
* Later Fr. Leon Barbot
* Fr. Ludovic Girault

**UGANDA CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES**

**a)** Apollo Kivebulaya

* He spread Christianity in Toro and DRC

**b)** Kitagaanwa

* He spread Christianity in Ankole

**CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE MISSIONARIES**

* They built schools.
* They spread Christianity.
* They built hospitals e.g.Mengo Hospital
* They taught people how to read and write
* They built churches
* They baptized people.

**PROBLEMS FACED BY THE MISSIONARIES IN UGANDA**

* Language barrier
* Diseases
* Poor transport
* Harsh climate
* Attacks from hostile tribes.
* Difficult in crossing big physical features.
* Lack of food.

**CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALEXANDER MACKAY**

* He introduced the first printing press in Uganda.
* He built mission station at Nateete .
* He taught practical skills like building and carpentry.

**Qn**: **Why did Alexander Mackay introduce a printing press?**

* To print Bible verses.

**THE UGANDA MARTYRS**

A martyr is person who is killed for believing in his / her religion.

* The first Christian martyr in the Bible was St.Stephen.
* Kabaka Mwanga ordered for the burning of Uganda Martyrs.

**Qn:** **Why did Kabaka Mwanga order for the burning of Uganda martyrs?**

* They disobeyed his orders.
* The first martyrs in Uganda were Alexander Mackay’ pupils.
* They were killed / burnt at Busega Natete in 1885.

**Qn:** **Who was the chief Executioner of the Uganda martyrs?**

* Mukajaanga

**Qn**: **When do Christians celebrate the Uganda martyrs?**

* On 3rd June Every year

**PLACES WHERE THE UGANDA MARTYRS WERE KILLED**

* Namugongo
* Munyonyo
* Nateete
* Nakivubo
* Old Kampala
* Mityana
* Mengo Kisenyi

**WAYS MARTYRS WERE KILLED**

* Some were burnt (commonest way)
* Some were speared.
* Some were beheaded.
* Some were ravaged by dogs.
* Some were castrated.
* Some were dismembered.

**Examples of Uganda marty**rs

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| **Catholic martyrs** | **Protestant Martyrs** |
| **Kizito Omuto (YOUNGEST)** | **Makko Kakumba** |
| **Anderea Kaggwa** | **Yusuf Lugalama** |
| **Denis Sebuggwawo** | **Nuwa Serwanga** |
| **Ponsiano Ngondwe** | **Musa Mukasa** |
| **Gonzaga Gonza** | **Eriya Mbwa** |
| **Kaloli Lwanga** | **Muddu Aguma** |
| **Mbaga Tuzinde** | **Nuwa Walukagga** |
| **Bruno Serunkuma** | **Kiwanuka Giyaza** |
| **Mukasa Balikuddembe** | **Kwabafu** |
| **Mukasa Kirigwajjo** | **Kifamuyanja** |
| **Mugagga** | **Muwanga Njigijja** |
| **Achileo Kiwanuka** | **Fredrick Kizza** |

**There were also two Uganda Martyrs of a later period , who died at Paimol in 1918.**

**These were:**

Daudi Okello

Jildo Irwa

**LESSONS WE LEARN FROM THE UGANDA MARTYRS**

* We learn to be brave.
* We learn to love our religions.
* We learn to have strong faith in God.
* We learn to be courageous.

**RESULTS FOR THE KILLING OF UGANDA MARTYRS**

* I t laid a foundation for the church in Uganda.
* The first black bishop Joseph Kiwanuka was appointed in the whole of Africa.
* Pope Paul the VI came to Uganda in 1969 to **nanonize** the martyrs.

Qn: **What is a pilgrimage?**

* A pilgrimage is a holy journey made by believers to a holy places

Qn: **How do we call a person who goes for a holy journey to a holy place?**

* Pilgrim

Qn: **Why do Christians in Uganda make a pilgrimage to Namugongo every year?**

* To promote their faith.
* To remember /celebrate the life acts of the Uganda martyrs

Qn: **What is martyrdom?**

* This is the act of dying as a martyr.

Qn: **Where were most of the Uganda martyrs killed**?

Namugongo

**Write down any one Christian denomination in Uganda**.

Roman Catholic Church

**What was Paul’ name before he became a Christian?**

Saul

**Write C. M.S in full.**

Church Misssionary Society

**Name any one method which Paul used to spread the word of God.**

By preaching

**TOPIC 2: JESUS OUR EXAMPLE IN SERVICE**

* Service means to provide what other people want.
* Jesus spent his life serving others in many ways.
* He wanted to serve as living examples of service.

**WAYS HOW JESUS SERVED HIS PARENTS ( LUKE2:51-52)**

* He fetched water.
* He cleaned the compound.
* He washed dishes.
* He helped his father in making furniture

**Qn:** **Who was Jesus earthly father?**

* Joseph

**Qn:** **What was Joseph’s work?**

* Making furniture(carpentry)

**WAYS JESUS SERVED OTHER PEOPLE**

* He washed his disciples’ feet(John13:5 -17)
* He healed the sick (mark 7:31 – 37)
* He taught and preached to others
* He raised the dead.
* He drove demons out of people.

**SERVICES ADULTS CAN OFFER IN THE COMMUNITY**

* Health services
* Transport services
* Security services
* Education services

**SERVICES CHILDREN CAN PROVIDE IN THEIR COMMUNITY.**

* Washing utensils.
* Sweeping the classroom/compound
* Fetching water.
* Helping very old people .
* Preparing food for the sick.

**SERVICES CHILDREN CAN PROVIDE AT SCHOOL**

* Sweeping the compound
* Keeping order in the classroom.
* Mopping the classroom.
* Protecting class school property.
* Helping sick pupils at school.

**WAYS ADULTS SERVE CHILDREN**

* Providing clothes for children.
* They provide food.
* They protect children.
* They provide medical care.
* They provide children with water.

**TOPIC 3: VOLUNTARY SERVICE IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE**

* Voluntary service is work done willingly without being paid.
* A volunteer is a person who does work willingly without being paid.

**EXAMPLES OF VOLUNTARY SERVICES A CHILD CAN DO AT HOME.**

* Washing utensils
* Cleaning the compound.
* Washing clothes.
* Cooking food.
* Taking care of young ones.
* Voluntary services you can provide in the community
* Cleaning wells.
* Cleaning health centres.
* Slashing the compound.
* Fetching water for very old people.
* Helping the elderly to carry heavy luggage

**EXAMPLES OF VOLUNTARY SERVICES IN CHURCH**

* Preaching the word of God.
* Singing in the church choir.
* Playing musical instruments.
* Praying for the sick.
* Guiding and counseling people.
* Collecting offerings
* Taking care of widows and orphans.
* Cleaning /organizing the place of worship.
* Reading the Bible

**Qn**: **Which parable in the Bible encourages providing of free services.**

* The parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke10:30 -35)

**Qn**: **Why is the good Samaritan called so?**

* He was coming from Samaria.

**Lessons we learn from the parables of the Good Samaritan.**

* To be kind.
* To be kind helpful.
* To be loving.

**VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS**

* These are groups of people who provide free services to others willingly.

**EXAMPLES OF VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS**

* Save the children fund( S.C.F)
* The AIDS Support Organization (TASO)
* The Red Cross Society
* Uganda Women’s Effort to Save Orphans( UWESO)
* Adventist Development Relief Agency(ADRA)
* World Vision International
* Islamic Relief Agency
* Carry American Relief Everywhere (CARE)
* Compassion International

**EXAMPLES OF RELIGIOUS VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS**

* Adventist Development Relief Agency ( ADRA)
* Compassion international
* Islamic Relief Agency( IRA)
* Young Men Christian Association( YMCA)
* Young Women Christian Association( YWCA)

**IMPORTANCE OF VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS**

* **S.C.F**
* It provides school fees to needy children.
* It provides medical care and clothes to children in wars.
* It helps children who are suffering in areas of war, floods drough

**TASO**

* It provides treatment to AIDS Patients.
* It provides guidance and counseling to AIDS Patients.

**UGANDA RED CROSS SOCIETY**

* It provides basic needs to needy people.
* It provides basic needs to war victims.
* It assists in donating blood.
* It treats wounded soldiers in war areas.

**GROUPS OF PEOPLE HELPED BY VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS**

* Widows
* Orphans
* AIDS victims
* Refugees
* War victims

**ITEMS VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDE.**

* Food
* School fees
* Clean water
* Clothes
* Medical care
* Shelter

**PROBLEMS FACED BY SOME VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS.**

* Lack of funds
* Corruption in some organizations.

**WAYS CO OPERATION IS IMPORTANT.**

* It promotes love.
* It promotes peace.
* It promotes friendship.
* It promotes unity.
* It makes work easy.

**QN)** **Give any three voluntary services you can provide in church**.

* Reading Bible verses in church.
* Cleaning the church.
* Collecting offerings in church.

**QN) What greatest service did Jesus give us without pay?**

* When He died on the cross for our sins.
* **Write in full**
* TASO- The AIDS Support Organization
* YMCA- Young Men Christian Association
* UWESO- Uganda Women’ Effort to save Orphans

**QN) Write down any one problem that can affect voluntary services.**

* Lack of funds.

**TERM THREE**

**MAKING OUR DECISIONS AS CHRISTIANS**

* Decision making is identifying and selecting a certain in order to deal with a certain problem
* A decision can be good or bad.
* Good decision making leads to success in life.
* Bad decision making leads to failure in life.
* Scriptures 1 kings 3: 3 -13, Luke 1:26 -29)

Examples of decisions

At home

a) Good decisions

* Obeying parents
* Doing house work
* Respecting elders
* Loving everyone at home

b) Bad decisions

Abusing people at home.

Stealing property.

Disobeying elders/parents.

Fighting

**At School**

a) Good Decisions

* Respecting teachers/fellow pupils.
* Completing all work given by teachers.
* Paying attention in class.
* Revising.

b) Bad decisions

* Disrespecting teachers
* Fighting
* Escaping from school
* Stealing other people’s property.

Dodging lessons/work

**At church**

a)Good decisions

* Reading the Bible.
* Praying to God.
* Fasting
* Helping the needy
* Joining the church choir.

b) **Bad decisions**

* Disobeying the ten commandments
* Dodging church services.
* Refusing to serve God.
* Playing from the church.

**Community**

a) Good decision in the community

* Helping the needy.
* Helping those that have got accidents
* Doing communal work.
* Reporting wrong doers

b) Bad decisions in the community

* Stealing
* Murder
* Using abusing language
* Selfishness.

Importance of making good/right decisions ( Genesis22:1-19, Luke 22:54)

* It leads to success
* It promotes peace and harmony
* It helps to create more friends.
* It makes God happy.
* It promotes obedience.

Results of making bad decisions

* They make God unhappy.
* They lead to hatred among people.
* They lead to conflicts among people.
* They lead to shame.
* Suffering.
* Failure
* Imprisonment
* Underdevelopment

Examples of people who made good decisions in the Bible(Proverbs 27:12)

(Mary ) The mother of Jesus

* She accepted to give birth to the savior of the world.

**Daniel**

* He decided never to worship any person apart from God.
* John the Baptist
* He accepted to baptize Jesus Christ.
* Moses
* He accepted to rescue Israelites from slavery in Egypt.
* He led Israelites out of slavery.

**Joshua**

* He led Israelites to the promised land (cannan)
* Abraham
* He accepted to build an ark.
* Noah
* He accepted to build an ark.
* Jesus
* He accepted to be crucified for our sins.
* He showed love to people through perfoming miracles.

People in the Bible who made bad decisions (luke 1:26 -39)

* Judas Iscariot
* He betrayed Jesus Christ.
* He hanges himself.
* He stole money from the apostle’s bag.

Simon Peter

* He denied Jesus

Pontius Pilate

* He sentenced Jesus to death.

**King Herod the Great**

* He ordered for the killing of baby boys who were 2 years and below inoredr to kill baby Jesus.

Cain

* He killed his brother Abel due to Jealousy

Jonah

* He disobeyed God by refusing to go to preach to the people of Nivereh.

Qn: What did God do the Jonah when he disobeyed Him?

* He was swallowed by a fish

King Darius

* He ordered his officers to throw Daniel in the lions of Den.

How to make good decisions(Genesis 22:19, Luke22:54 – 62)

* Never be quick to make decisions.
* Avoid making decisions when you are angry.
* Do not be biased when making decisions
* Consider the effects/outcome of the decisions you make.
* Request God to help you in making a good decision in fear.
* Allow other people to advise you but not to decide for you.

Making unselfish decisions and keeping them with God’s help

Qn: What is selfishness?

* Selfishness means caring for oneself rather than others.

Qn: What causes selfishness?

* Greed
* Envy
* Hatred
* Jealousy

Qn: Give examples of selfish decisions

* Telling lies.
* Stealing other people’s property.
* Fighting for earthly things.
* Drug abuse
* Corruption
* Refusing to help

Qn: What is unselfishness?

* This is the caring for other people rather than yourself.

Qn: Give examples of unselfishness decisions in societies.

* Having time to pray for others.
* Helping the needy with basic needs.
* Doing voluntary work in the community.
* Serving in church.

Examples of people in the Bible who made selfish decisions

* King David(2Samuel 11:1-26)
* Prophet Jonah
* King Herod
* King Ahab (1ST Kings 21 : 1- 28)
* Ananias ans Saphira (Acts 5:1-11)
* Judas Iscariot
* Adam and Eve

Ways in which Jesus decisions were unselfish

* He accepted to die on the cross for our sins.
* He refused temptations of the devils.
* He defended and forgave sinners.
* He prayed for people
* He fed the hungry.

Note: When we make good decisions , they are blessed by God, Never be discouraged if your right decisions are resisted by people around you.

**TOPIC : PEACE (JOHN14:27)**

i) Peace is the absence of war, disturbance or suffering in a given area or country.

ii) Peace is the state of being in perfect joy and happiness with God and people.

Importance of peace

* Peace promotes friendship among people.
* Peace promotes trade in an area.
* Peace promotes unity among people.
* Peace promotes development in a an area.

Ways of creating peace( at home/ school)

* By praying to God.
* By following God’s commandments
* By obeying national laws.
* By respecting each other.
* By obeying elders.
* Forgiving those who do wrong to us.
* Being faithful to each other.
* Being helpful to each other.

Things that disrupt /disturb peace

* Greed
* Jealousy
* Tribalism
* Poverty
* Wars
* Unforgiveness
* Injustice
* Corruption.

Effects of wars

* Death of people
* Suffering.
* Destruction of property.
* Hatred.
* Separation of families

Causes of misunderstandings today

* Cheating of exams.
* Stealing of other people’s property
* Telling lies.
* Lack of respect for other people.

Peaceful means of solving problems /misunderstandind

* Talking to a person who wronged you.
* Listening to each other.
* Asking for forgiveness
* Respecting each other.

Way the peace of the Israelites was disturbed in Egypt

* They were forced to do hard work without payment.
* They were killed without any cause.
* They newly born males were killed.
* They were mistreated and tortured.

God’s promise for peace.

* God promised peace through the messiah.
* God’s son would be called Emmanuel(Prince of peace)

Qn: What does the name Emmanuel?

* God is with us.

Qn: How was God’s promise for peace achieved?

* It was achieved through the birth suffering and death of Jesus

**RECONCIALITION**

i) Reconciliation mean restoring a broken friendship.

ii) Reconciliation is bring back a broken friendship after disagreeing with someone.

Traditional ways of reconciliation

* Paying fines
* Sharing meals and drinks.
* Hugging each other
* Shaking hands.
* Cleansing through sacrifices

Religious ways restoring peace

* Praying for the offender
* Asking for forgiveness/ repenting
* Through guidance and counseling.
* Through organizing peace talks among people.
* Through sharing Jesus body and Blood

Biblical ways of restoring peace

* Through sending greetings (1samuel25:1-36)
* Through asking for forgiveness.
* By loving one another(1 JOHN13:3135)

Importance of reconciliation

* It promotes peace and harmony
* It promotes love.
* It prevents revenge.
* It promotes friendship and unity.
* It brings back good communication between people

Christian way of promoting reconciliation

* By praying
* By fasting
* Involving religious leaders to settle conflicts
* Asking for forgiveness.

Qn: How did Jesus reconcile man kind with God?

* He died on the cross for our sins.

Qn: Why is good communication important in peace making?

* It enables someone to ask for forgiveness.

**Things God promised us if we live according to His commandments**

* To make us live safely in our land.
* To give us peace in our land.
* To make us prosperous.

Qn: Which bird in Uganda represents peace?

* Crested crane

Qn: How did Adam and Eve destroy their peace with God?

* By eating the forbidden fruit

Qn: Give activities which show peace in a given society.

* Playing together.
* Exchanging vistis
* Sharing
* Attending /organizing parties

Qn: List down any two signs of lack of peace in an area

* Fighting
* Death of people
* Wars

**TOPIC : LUKE 1:1 – 38, 57 -66, 2:1-52**

**THE BIRTH OF JESUS - THE PRINCE OF PEACE**

1. Name any one prophet who foretold the birth of the Messiah.

* Prophet Isaiah

2. Name the prophet who foretold Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem Triumphantly?

* Prophet Zachariah

3. Who were the parents of Jesus?

i) Mother - Mary

ii) Earthly father - Joseph

iiI) Heavenly father - God

4. Name the angel that brought good news to virgin Mary.

* Angel Gabriel

5. Why did Mary doubt the message of angel Gabriel

* Mary was still a virgin.

6. How did baby Jesus get into the womb of Mary?

* By the power of the Holy Spirit.

7. Name the two where Jesus was born,

* Bethlehem

8. Name the first group of people to know that baby Jesus had been born.

* The shepherds

9. Who are the magi?

* These were the wiseman from the East who came to see baby Jesus.

10 . What guided the Magi to the place where Jesus was born?

* A star.

11. Mention the gifts the Magi brough for Baby Jesus

* Gole
* Frankncense
* Myrrh

12. Why did Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem?

* To attend a census/ to be counted.

13. Why ndid God send His son to the world

* To bring salvation to mankind.

14. What was Joseph’s work?

* He was carpenter.

15. Name the emperor who ordered for a census in Bethlehem

* Augustus.

16. When do Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ?

* Christmas day ( 25th December Every year)

17. Give ways through which Christians celebrate Christmas.

* By singing Christmas hymns/songs
* Buying new clothes.
* Buying food.
* Exchanging Christmas cards
* Visiting relatives

**LUKE 1:31 “ You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name himJesus…………”**

a) Who said those words?

* Angel Gabriel

b) To whom were those wrds told?

* Mary.

c) How would Mary become pregnant?

* By the power of the Holy Spirit.

d) Who is an angel?

* An angel is a messenger of God in heaven.

**Mark1:17 …. “ come with me and I will make you fishers of men”**

a) Who said those words?

* Jesus

b) Mention the two people who were told those words

* Simon
* Andrew

c) What were the above 2 people doing at the lake

* They were carrying out fishing.

**Mark 14:18 “………. I tell you that one of you will betray me, who is eating with me”**

a) Who said those words?

* Jesus

b) On which day were those words said

* On holy Thursday

c) Name the event which was taking place according to the verse.

* The last supper

d) Name the person who was being referred to in the verse above?

* Judas Iscariot

**LUKE 15:12 “………. Father, give me my share of the property now……….”**

a) Who said those words?

* Prodigal son

b) In which parable is the above statement said?

* The parable of the lost/prodigal son

c) Give lessons you learn from the parable above

* We learn to be patient.
* We learn to respect our parents.
* We learn to forgive.

**GENESIS 1:3 “ ………Let there be light”**

a) Who said those words?

* God

b) Which process was taking place in the verse above

* Creation

c) Give the meaning of the word Genesis

* The beginning /origin

d) How long did the process of creation take?

* 6 days

**JOHN 11 :21. “ If you had been here my brother would not have died?**

a) Who said those words?

* Martha

b) To whom were those words told?

* Jesus

c) Mention the person who was being talked about in the verse above.

* Lazarus.

d) How did Jesus show love to lazarus family?

* He raised lazarus from the dead.

Qn: a) Who baptized Jesus?

* John the Baptist

b) Who was John the Baptsist’s mother?

* Elizabeth

c) How did John the Baptist meet his death?

* He was beheaded.

d) Who was the father of John the Baptist?

* Zecharriah

e) What could john the Baptist eat as his food?

* Locusts and wild honey.

THE END