

P.6 R.E LESSON NOTES TERM III

DATE	CLASS	SUBJECT	NO OF PUPILS	TIME

THEME: CHRISTIANS ON THE WAY

SUB THEME: FRIENDS ON THE WAY

CONTENT: MEANING AND IMPORTANCE OF TRUE FRIENDSHIP

Spelling activity

- Friend
- Friendship
- Relate
- Relationship
- Advice
- Crisis
- Marriage

New words to define

A Friend is a person with whom you relate freely.

Friendship is a relationship between friends.

Relationship – The way two or more people behave / deal with each other.

He /she is a person you can tell your feelings and secrets freely.

- Friendship is the relationship between friends
- Friendship is an essential virtue in society
- All people need friends for support , care, companionship among other things

IMPORTANCE OF FRIENDSHIP

There's great value in true friendship as seen below

- Friends give us good advice and encourage us whenever we feel challenged by anything
- Friends provide us with practical support when we need help e.g when we are sick ,happy or in any form of lack
- Friendship enables us to discover our abilities and uniqueness in comparison to others
- It enables us to complement one another especially at our weakest points
- Friendship gives us happiness
- Friendship makes us feel loved
- Friendship makes us feel good

HOW JESUS SHOWED TRUE FRIENDSHIP TO HIS DISCIPLES AND OTHER PEOPLE

Jesus as an example of true friendship

- In John 15 : 12 – 15 , Jesus teaches us who a true friend is.
- He commands us to love one another as he has loved us.
- He used his own examples of dying on the cross for their friends – friends should be willing to sacrifice their lives for their friends
- If we act as Jesus did he does not call us servants but friends.

We learn the following qualities of good friendship from Jesus:-

- Jesus 's friendship was self less

Jesus spent much of time serving others

He showed his selfless love to us when he died on the cross for our sins “greater love has no man than this that one gave his life for his friends” John 15:13 (he loved us more than he loved himself)

- He also encourages us to love our neighbours as we love ourselves people who love themselves more than others have difficulties when it comes to loving their friends
- **Servant hood** – Jesus 's life was an example of servant hood
- He always served others and wanted to please his father in heaven Jesus also urged his disciples to use all opportunities to serve others
- He set a good example of servant hood by washing his disciples feet (John 13:3 -11)
- **Understanding:** Jesus had people who used to provoke him to anger through asking him questions with a purpose of finding faults in him. He answered or responded to these questions with understanding without annoying anyone.
Even when his disciples annoyed him he did not become angry with them but still helped them.
- **Forgiving** – Jesus was always forgiving and never passed quick judgment on people e.g people who crucified him, he also encouraged us to forgive the wrongs of others just as God our Father forgives us when we wrong him (mt 6:14)
- **Humility** Jesus was humble he honored himself below all people

Exercise

1. Who is a friend
2. How was Jesus a good example of a friend
3. According to Jesus, what is the greatest love a person can give a friend?

4. What is the opposite of humility?
5. Who is an understanding friend?
6. Why should a true friend be forgiving?
7. What are the 2 greatest commandments according to Jesus
8. Who was the most beloved disciple of Jesus?
9. Why should one have a friend
10. Write down two ways you can show friendship to others.
11. Bible story. Jonathan and David

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CONTENT: QUALITIES OF A GOOD FRIEND

Spelling practice

- quality
- patience
- tolerance
- appreciation
- weakness
- character
- portray
- guidance
- counseling

New words to define

- understanding
- tolerance
- appreciation

The pleasure that you have when you recognize and enjoy the good qualities of somebody

Advice – an opinion or suggestion about what someone should do.

Friends know and understand each another, they appreciate each other's personality, character, strength and weakness.

Jesus spent all his life as a good friend to us. He spent much of his time serving others. He even accepted to die on the cross because of our sins. Jesus commanded us to love our neighbours the way we love ourselves – Luke 10:27

It is important that friends have the same qualities like Jesus portrayed.

A good friend should have some of the qualities below:-

- True friends are able to forgive when they are wronged
- They are not angels at times they annoy one another.
- They should learn to forgive one another like Jesus teaches us. Matthew :6 :14
- Friends are tolerant and patient, take time to and understand others
- Friends respect and have total love for their friends
- They are humble and kind to their friends
- They trust one another
- They are unselfish
- They guide and counsel their friends
- Friends should be ready to serve
- They should be honest

HOW TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN GOOD AND BAD ADVICE

An advice is an opinion or suggestion on what some body can do in a given situation

- All people in the world need advise even our leaders the president also has advisers
- What we should note is that we need to test all the advice given to us not all of it is good.
- Sometimes our friends mislead / misguide us and we make wrong decision good friends should guide one another to make wise decisions

The importance of advice

(Derived from the texts)

- Good advice help us to make good decisions
- Reduces worries
- Brings happiness

- Promotes friendship
- Promotes joint responsibility
- Eliminates mistakes
- Increases unity and team spirit
- It can save us from dangers

QUALITIES OF GOOD ADVICE

- It should be Godly; any ungodly advice is not good. The advice we give should encourage others to please God and other people.
- It should promote peace, advice which promotes conflict and misunderstanding is not good (read the story of birungi)
- Good advice should promote respect for others any advice that encourages you to despise others is not good.
- Good advices include
 1. Encouraging friends to make good decision
 2. Encouraging our friends to respect others
 3. Encouraging our friends to be hard working
 4. Encouraging our friends to be trust worthy and honest
 5. Encouraging our friends to be obedient and faithfully

BAD ADVICE INCLUDES

- Encouraging use of bad abusive language
- Encouraging hatred and jealousy
- Encouraging cheating
- Being unfaithful
- Being disobedient

BUILDING GOOD FRIENDSHIP

- Good friendship is built on true love
- True love is sincere, honest and is not after material gains
- Friendship built on material gains cannot last
- Good friendship should have a spirit of servant hood.
- Friends should serve others but not just demand service from others.

Exercise

1. Why do we all need advice?
2. Write down two the qualities of good advice?
3. How does good advice promote peace?
4. Give one example of advice which is Godly
5. Why is it important for us to have friends?
6. How was Jesus an example of a true friend?
7. Who is a true friend?

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- Friendship
- Friends
- Crisis
- Decision
- Advice
- Advise
- Encouragement
- Support

New words to define

Crisis - A difficult situation that needs serious attention

A true friend has a lot of value

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD FRIEND

- A good friend should give good advice to others in situation when they do not know what to do
- A good friend should give encouragement to thers, whenever they feel tired and losing hope

- A good friend should be supportive, this can be in form of money,prayer,food ,company and conversation
- A friend in a need is a friend in deed , a good friend should be there in times when they are needed most

STANDING BY OUR FRIENDS IN TIMES OF CRISIS

A crisis – a time when one is in danger, difficulty or confusion and need to make important decision.

True friends encourage and give support to each other in times of crisis

When our friends face trouble e.g when they are accused falsely or judged unfairly, we should stand for what is right?

Some of the support we need when we are in crisis include:-

- Money
- Food
- Prayers
- Advice
- Company
- Shelters
- Medicine
- Encouragement

Exercise

1. Name 2 examples to illustrate the situation below
 - a) When we need encouragement
 - b) When we need advice
 - c) When we need support
2. Complete the saying a friend in need”
3. How can a friend be of help to you during crisis?
4. How can you support a friend who has lost a mother or a father?

How to support our friends in times of crisis

- We should pray for them when they are in danger
- We should give them encouragement and hope
- We should give them moral, financial and material support
- We should show them love when they are in trouble

- We should be loyal to them.

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CONTENT: QUALITIES OF GOOD AMRRIAGE

Spelling practice

- Marriage
- Qualities
- Witness
- Secrets
- Patience
- Matual
- Humility
- Vows

Marriage is a legal union of man and a woman as husband and wife for mutual love, respect and companionship

- Marriage is expected to last for life time .it is witnessed by the church, the state, relatives and friends

TYPES OF MARRIAGE: There are 3 major types of marriage

- Church marriage / Religious marriage
- Civil marriage
- Customary marriage

Qualities of a good marriage partner

- Beauty
- Love
- Trust
- Patience

- Family background
- Humidity

QUALITIES OF A GOOD MARRIAGE

- A good marriage should be built on true love and true friendship partners should share mutual love, love is the most important thing that draws married people together all the rest of the qualities come as a result of love.
- Trust : there should be belief in one another without doubt.
- Openness : marriage partners are not expected to keep anything from each other there should be no secrets in marriage
- Patience: there need for patience between each other especially without human weakness
- Humility : in a good marriage partners should be humble the will promote respect and respect keeps them together
- Bearing children ,
- Others : faithfulness ,generosity and fulfilling of marital duties

Marriage is a bond of friendship for life. (1 Cor. 13:4 – 7)

- After appreciating and considering the qualities of a marriage partner, one can go ahead and marry.
- Marriage is a bond of friendship for life, its meant for life
- Marriage partners are supposed to live as explained in 1 Cor. 13: 4 – 7
- Love never gives up on people, it never stops trusting, it never loses hope or quit – marriage is meant to last forever.

Marriage vows

People who have committed themselves to get married make promises to each other, these promises are called vows.

A promise to love each other till death separates them.

These vows are made before a priest, pastor or reverend as witnesses before God.

Exercise

1. What is marriage
2. List down any four characteristics of a happy marriage
3. Identify one example of situations in marriage with which people need to be patient
4. How may the failure to produce children create an unhappy marriage

5. Give one example of marital duties
6. What is a marriage vow?
7. Write down any two vows made by the marriage partners.

End of Topic test

1. Who is a true friend?
2. Why does one need a friend?
3. Write down any two ways to show how Jesus showed true friendship to people.
4. What lessons do we learn from Jesus about true friends
5. Write down two qualities of a good friend.
6. How can one distinguish between good and bad advice?
7. Write down any two examples of bad advices
8. Define the following terms
 - Crisis
 - Advice
8. How does good advice promote peace?
9. What does the bible teach us about love in 1Cor. 13.
10. How can you support a friend who has failed a major examination?
11. What is marriage?
12. Write down 2 major qualities of a good marriage partner.
13. Why do you think marriage are breaking down today?
14. As a Christian how can you help in solving the above problem?
15. Write any two qualities of a good marriage partner.
16. Write down any two biblical readings on marriage from St. Paul in 1 Cor. 7.

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THEME: CHRISTIANS ON THE WAY

SUB THEME: CHRISTIAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE WORLD

CONTENT: USING OUR TALENTS TO IMPROVE THE WORLD

Spellings

- talents
- Abilities
- Co-operation
- Science
- Technology
- Humility
- Marital
- Partners
- Patience

Christians should not leave world affairs to non- Christians alone. They have a duty to participate in the affairs of the world at all times. This include; religious, social, economic and political affairs in order to make a contribution in the world we live in.

17. Talents are natural gifts that God gives us that can also be referred to as Special abilities

Special natural abilities / gifts given to us by God

Examples of talents include:

- 18. Singing
- 19. Playing musical instruments
- 20. Jumping (high)
- 21. Playing football
- 22. Running fast
- 23. Art – making artistic objects (through painting and drawing)

Jesus encouraged us not to neglect our talents trough the different parables he taught e.g as the parable of the talents (mt 25;14 – 27)

Read the story and learn lessons

- 24. All Christians should use their talents to benefit themselves and others
- 25. Every Christian will give an account of how he used his / her talents
- 26. Those who will have used their talents properly will get rewards and those who will have failed will be punished.
Even the little they have will be taken away.

HOW THE ABOVE TALENTS CAN BENEFIT THE WORLD IF USED WELL

1. They are source of income for both live hood individuals and the government through taxes paid
2. They are a source of entertainment for people to kill boredom
3. They promote unity when people come together to be entertained e.g football which binds nations and the whole world.
4. The educate people through sending teaching and advisory messages to people on topics like Aids, social well being.

Exercise

1. Why do we have different abilities?
2. Why did the 2 servants get profits
3. Why didn't the third servant get any profit?
4. With which servant did the master get annoyed?
5. What lesson do we learn from the parable of the three servants?

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CONTENT: THE ROLE OF CHRISTIAN ORGANISATION IN DEVELOPING THE WORLD

Spelling practice

- Services
- Political affairs
- Livelihood
- Advisory
- Religious
- Fund
- Relief
- Voluntary
- organization

New words to define

- A company formed for a particular purpose
- The act of causing something to grow / become larger / more advanced.

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- 27. There are many Christian organization that offer free services to people / communities
- 28. Some promote the welfare of orphans .some help the government to fight poverty among people
- 29. Some promote good health others still drill boredom for communities

EXAMPLES OF CHRISTIAN' VOLUNTARY ORGANSISATIONS IN UGANDA / THE ROLES THEY PLAY

- 1. CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S FUND ; sponsors needy children in their education and provide health care to such children
- 2. WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL: provide / support orphans promote the welfare of peasants, build schools and clinics and provide safe water sources.
- 3. ADVENTIST DEVELOPMENT RELEIF AGENCY (ADRA)
- 30. Builds and facilitates schools
- 31. Caters for people hit by disasters e.g earth quake e.t.c
- 4. COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL
- 32. Caters for orphans
- 33. Gives clothes and other necessities to the needy children
- 34. Pays school fees for ready children
- 5. YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (YWCA)
- 35. Provides education and sponsors students
- 36. Provides counseling services
- 6. MOTHER'S UNION
- 37. Promotes women's projects for development
- 38. Offers counseling to the married women and those seeking marriage
- 7. CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GUILD – promotes women's project
- 8. SCRIPTURE AND CHRISTIAN UNION OF UGANDA
- 39. Promotes the teaching of the word of God in schools and institutions

The above institutions promote

40. Health among communities
41. Care for the disadvantaged people
42. They provide services and items like food, clothes, medicine, shelter, orphanage centers etc.

Exercise

1. What does C.F stand for?
2. Give any one of world vision international
3. What is ADRA in full?
4. What is the role of Y.W.C.A
5. Why do we need Christian voluntary organization?
6. Mention any two Christian organization which help women only

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THEME: Christians on the way

SUB THEME: Christian involvement in the world

CONTENT: THE ROLE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORLD

Spelling practice

- Involvement
- Standards
- Yields
- Interferences
- Invention
- Skills

Words to define

- **Science** – the study of the natural world based on facts learned through experiments and observation
- Technology
- Education – knowledge, skill, understanding you get from attending school.
- Development

- Invention - This refers to productive imagination

Technology is the practical way of using science to solve some of the day to day problems.

43. Technology and education have improved greatly on people's standards of living
44. There are a number of scientific discoveries which have contributed to the development of the world.

Ways through which science and technology has led to development

1. Technology has improved the transport and communication through construction of better roads, speedy motor boats, aero planes to cover longer distances faster, electronic means of communication i.e emails, telephone, radios, television.
2. Technology has improved building today better buildings or houses are constructed due to modern technology
3. Drilling of petroleum which enables the running of machine aircrafts and vehicles
4. Introduction of improved methods and farming like irrigation ,use of pesticides,fertilizers,combine harvesters, tractors and development of seed varieties which are resistant to diseases and generate high crop yields
5. Use of diseases resistant crop species to increase food production
6. It has improved farming where a small piece of land can be used for maximum production by use of natural artificial fertilizers.
7. The development of medicines and vaccines to help cure diseases and prevent them from spreading
8. Better health services due to newly invented machinery e.g.
 - a. testing the blood for diagnosis
 - b. Scanning
9. Technology has also improved education through publication of books ,typing and printing out of materials

Bad effects of technology on development

Much as modern technology is good it has bad effects too as seen below

1. It has caused air and water pollution from machines used in industries and motor vehicle exhausts ,releasing poisonous gasses into man's environment
2. It has increased the rate of unemployment since machines can produce work in the shortest time. Yet human beings show production hence unemployment

3. A lot of cultural interferences have been inflicted through movies watched by people bringing a lot of different clothes
4. Increased death rate – through regular accidents from the transport industry fires, electrical accidents, was from use of modern weapons et c.

Ways how education has been improved by technology

10. Provided knowledge in different areas
11. Skills – have been acquired by people
12. Better understanding of certain situations.

Exercise

1. What is the meaning of the term technology?
2. Explain how technology has improved the way of comma
3. How do farms benefit from existing technology
4. What is the advantage of preserving food
5. Give 2 ways through which technology has improved education
6. List down any 3 bad effects of science technology

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SUB THEME: Christians involvement in the world

CONTENT: CHRISTIANS AND LAW

Spelling practice

- Law
- Constitution
- Supreme
- Govern
- Rules
- Regulations

- Commandments
- Commission
- Electoral
- Governing

Words to define

- Constitution – this is the supreme governing law of a country
- Readership – the power / ability to head other people.
- Rules – a statement showing what is allowed or not allowed.
- Regulation – an official rule or law that shows how something should be done.

Meaning of the term law: these are official set of rules and regulations that govern a country, a place or something.

Examples of laws

- i. The constitution of a country – supreme governing law of a country / something
- ii. School rules and regulations
- iii. The ten commandments

Biblical teaching about the law

We see examples of law given to the Israelites through Moses that is the 10 commandments in Exodus 20.

WHY GOD GAVE THE ISRAELITES THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

- To encourage them to remain faithful to him
- To protect them against the worshiping of foreign gods
- To maintain their loyalty towards him
- To keep their righteousness towards him.
- To promote good relationships between them
- To promote unity amongst the Israelites
- To promote holy living among the Israelites
- To maintain peace and order
- For people to have respect for one another

Jesus himself respected the law - MK :12:13 – 17

- He told people to always give to ceaser what belongs to ceaser and to God what belongs to God
- This meant that Christians should respect and obey the law and leadership
- Jesus did not come to eliminate the law but to perfect. If anyone is in Christ they seek holiness righteousness hence living an obedient life.
- Christians show their respect to the law by participation in election.
- An election is a democratic way of choosing leaders
- How Christians can participate in the electoral process.
- Christian participation in the electoral process/ one way in which Christians can show respect for the law by participating in the electoral process.
- Christians respect the law and leaders through participating in the electoral process
- Christians are expected to participate in the electoral process through voting for the right leaders
- It's a Christian responsibility to encourage people to stand as leaders
- It is a Christian responsibility to support our leader, obey them and support government programs.

Duties of the electoral commission

The electoral commission is in charge of:-

- To organize and supervise elections
- To demarcate constituencies
- To declare polling stations
- To declare the results of the elections
- To compile and update voters registers
- To carry out civic lessons
- To register voters

Voting is the practice of electing leaders into office through a ballot.

- In Uganda we elect Local Council leaders at the village e.g.
 - a. L.C.1
 - b. Parish – L.C 3
 - c. District L.C.5
- At a national level we get presidents directly and the members of parliament (MPs)
- In Uganda a voter must be 18 years and above.

- An eligible voter should be registered by the Electoral Commission (E.C)
- A voter's card is issued bearing the number, photo, date of birth, polling station and constituency.
- All people above 18 years have freedoms and rights to vote.

Examples of human rights

These refer to basic rights and freedom to which all people are entitled simply because they are human beings. They apply to people of any race, colour, tribes, sex, language, religion and social origin

- The right of life freedom and peace
- Right to fair hearing in courts of law
- Freedom of speech, worship and assembly
- A right to own property

Qualities of a good citizenship

A citizen is a person legally belonging to a certain country by decent, by birth, by registration.

A good citizen is a person who has certain qualities that make him/her to become a useful member of his / her community and country

Qualities of a good citizen

- Patriotism having and showing a great love for your country
- Respect
- Co – operation
- Obedience
- Loyalty
- Justice
- We should be faithful and honest

The Uganda constitution lays out duties for citizens

- To be patriotic and loyal to their country
- To promote responsible parenthood
- To promote democracy and the rule of law
- To foster national unity and live in peace with others

End of topic test

1. What is a talent?
2. Write down any two examples of talents people have.
3. How can one use his/ her talents to benefit the world?
4. Write down any three Christian organization in Uganda and what they do.
5. Define the following terms
 - a. Science
 - b. Technology
 - c. Development
6. How has science and technology improved the following sectors in Uganda.
 - a. Health ?
 - b. Education?
 - c. Agriculture?
7. How has technology negatively affected the lives of people today?
8. What is a constitution?
9. How is a constitution important to any given country?
10. Write down any two school rules you know?
11. Why should a class have class rules?
12. Why is it important to obey rules and regulations at school?
13. Why did God give the ten commandments to the Israelites?
14. Why is it good for a Christian to participate in the electoral process?
15. Write down any two duties of the electoral commission.

Exercise

1. Who is a citizen?
2. Write down any two duties of a good citizen
3. Give any two examples of human rights that should be enjoyed by all human being in your country.
4. Write down any two qualities of a good citizen
5. Who is the person eligible to vote according to the Ugandan law
6. Why is it important for a country to have an electoral commission?

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SUB THEME: HAPPINESS ON THE WAY TO ARRIVAL

CONTENT: HOW A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS A SOURCE OF TRUE HAPPINESS

Spelling Practice

Words to define

- Happiness – a state of being happy
- Interpersonal - relating to or involving relations between two people

Happiness, suffering, endure, heaven, interpersonal, relationship everlasting.

Source

Introduction as we study this topic learners must know that God is the only true source of happiness.

Ways how God is the source of true happiness

- The world alone and earthly things cannot give us true happiness
- It is temporally and dependant on many things around us which can easily fail
- The happiness we get from God is everlasting because it God given happiness it does not depend on any physical things
- We can maintain our happiness from God by living with a good relationship with him.
Working hard not to fail him.
- A good relationship with God allow God's spirit to flow freely in our lives ,the spirit of God gives us strength to live happily despite the problems we experience
- The true happiness is in heaven where there are permanent riches
- Through our obedience to God and worshiping him we can get true happiness
- In the story of creation (Gen2:5 – 10) we learn that God created everything that we need to live well and meet our desire
- Psalm: 1 – 3 shows us people who are happy those who walk not in the coursed of the wicked.
- Peter 5:7 also mentions that we should leave all our about us.

- Rom. 12:2 PCU advises us standards of this world.

Happiness is also brought by

- Having our basic needs
- Being peaceful
- Doing good deeds that please God
- Caring for those in need
- Having friends who love us

Exercise

1. Write 2 things that make you happy
2. Why was Adam unhappy before God created eve?
3. Give the situation which may cause unhappiness
4. What is the source of true happiness?
5. Why do some rich people become unhappy?

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CONTENT: BIBLE TEACHING ABOUT LIFE AND DEATH

Spelling practice

- Life
- Living
- Death
- Resurrection
- Grow
- Reproduce
- Overcome

Words to define

Life – refers to the ability to breathe, grow and reproduce .it's the state of living

- Death- A state / act of losing the breath of life.

The biblical teaching about life and death

Life – According to the bible

Jesus is the source of life according to John 1:1 – John 10:10 – emphasizes the same and John 4:6.

- As Christians we ought to leave our lives in the light of Jesus Christ, the way he expects us to live
- What happens to us after death depends greatly on whether we live a good Christian life
- Unless we live our lives in the light and direction of Jesus Christ our lives are meaningless (Ecc 1:2-3)
- We may not be able to repent before we die so it's critical to look at how we are living our lives
- According to John 11:1-44 life is a gift from God.

Death

- The act of losing the breath of life
- There's life after death and this is what we believe as Christians
- Death is not a threat to us Christians but the beginning of our everlasting life with the risen Christ
- It's just a passage to everlasting life

Jesus encourages us not to fear death because he has the power to overcome it. He says "I am the resurrection and the life, those who believe me will live even if they die and all those who live and believe in me will never die". (John 11:25-26)

Jesus demonstrated his power over death in the following ways

1. He rose from the dead after 3 days
 2. He called Lazarus back to life
 3. He raised Jairus's daughter from death
- Christians are encouraged to have hope in life after death

- Paul also encouraged Christians not to be sad and not to lose hope that “we believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will take back with Jesus those who have died believing in him”. Thess 4:13-14
- He also wrote to the believers that the day will come when death will be destroyed completely and victory will be complete Cor 5:54-56

Exercise

1. Why do Christians consider death to be a passage to eternal life
2. According to Jesus which kind of people will never die?
3. How did Jesus conquer death
4. Why is the day you die better than the day you were born
5. How does our earthly life affect our life after death

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CONTENT: SUFFERING

Spelling practice

- eternal life
- conquer
- victory
- disobedience
- endure
- perseverance
- torture
- betrayal
- misunderstanding
- disloyal
- crucifixion

New words to define

Suffering – the states of experience pain or misery

Courage – the ability to do something difficult or dangerous

Cause of suffering

Suffering can be caused by many different reasons

- Disobedience to God permanent /eternal suffering
- Poverty – causes lack of ability to acquire basic needs
- Death of our loved ones e.g. parents
- Lack of employment
- Sickness or any other physical damages e.g. accidents

Examples of people who suffered in the Bible due to disobedience

- Adam and Eve
- Cain after he killed his brother
- The people who built the tower of Babel –Ge. 11.

Ways through which we can endure suffering

- By believing and trusting in God
- By praying in the times of trouble
- Through perseverance ,standing firm even when things are so hard
- By facing suffering with courage standing firm on the promises of God in the trouble in whichever situation.

Jesus experience of suffering(Math. 27: 11-56)

Jesus on his stay on earth faced a lot of suffering but he did not fear, he faced all suffering with courage.

Examples of suffering experiences that Jesus underwent.

- Persecution – by the Pharisees and the leaders of the law to the point of death
- Insults were hurled at him by people who did not believe in him
- He was rejected even by some of his own disciples e.g. Simon peter denied him ,Judas escariot betrayed him
- He faced loneliness especially when all his disciples left him

- Misunderstandings
- Betrayed
- Torture and hatred
- Crucifixion

How Jesus endured suffering

- He prayed to his father e.g. before crucifixion in the garden of Gethesome
- He held onto his father's promise that he would die and resurrect in 3 days (he knew his suffering was just for a moment)
- He overcame by use of the father's encouragement
- God himself encouraged him when he baptized him with the holy spirit in R.Jordan

Lessons learnt from Jesus' experience

- We learnt to have a life of courage in suffering / stand firm on God's promises to us
- We learn not to be fearful
- We learn to pray and trust God when faced with hardships
- We learn to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit whenever we are faced with trials and suffering.

Exercise

1. Why did Jesus come to earth?
2. List down the forms of suffering that Jesus underwent
3. Who helped Jesus to suffer with courage
4. Explain any 3 lessons you learn from Jesus experience of suffering.

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CONTENT: THE CHRISTIAN VIEW ABOUT HEAVEN

New words to define

Joy – a feeling of great happiness

Happiness – state of being happy.

Spelling practice

- holy spirit
- courage
- suffering
- underwent
- resurrection
- feast
- fellowship
- eternal

The Christian view about heaven

- Christians believe that heaven is a place where they will meet face to face with their creator
- They will live him in total fellowship and joy forever
- They also believe that heaven is a place where all believers will meet in a gathering called a wedding feast of the lamb, there will be unspeakable joy and happiness (Rev 21:2-7)
- Christians believe that heaven is a place where all believers will be rewarded for all their good deeds
- Heaven itself will be rewards for righteous people while sinners go to hell.
- Heaven is a place of eternal rest for believers.

Exercise

1. What is heaven?
2. When does one go to heaven?
3. What things do people expect to find in heaven?
4. What should one do in order to go to heaven on resurrection day?

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CONTENT: THE BIBILICAL TEACHING ON PURITY

Spelling practice

- Purity
- Repentance
- Perseverance
- Endurance
- Perfect

TITLE: **PURITY**

Purity refers to the state of being pure, clean and not being mixed with anything unclean.

Christian purity

Purity is one requirement Christian need to enter God's kingdom / to go to heaven

- Jesus tells us to be prepared to all times to enter into God's kingdom. He says that nobody knows the hour of death so we should always be prepared (Mt 25:1-13)

Ways through which we can purify ourselves

As human beings we are not perfect although we are called to be.

God wants us to continually purify ourselves, sins prevents us from going to heaven

Some of the ways we can purify ourselves in order to go to heaven include:-

- Repenting our sins
- Forgiving others
- Praying to God daily
- Having courage and perseverance as we seek God
- Reading the bible
- Attending fellowship at church
- Reading Christian literature

- Showing love to others in what we do and say.

End of topic test

1. What is happiness?
2. What is the source of true happiness?
3. Why do you think most people on earth are unhappy?
4. Why do Christians consider death to be a passage way to heaven?
5. What is death?
6. What is your understanding about heaven?
7. How can one acquire eternal life?
8. What did Jesus teach us about life and death?
9. What does the resurrection of Jesus from the dead mean to Christian?
10. How did Jesus demonstrate his power over death?
11. What is suffering?
12. What is the main cause of human suffering?
13. What is purity?
14. How can one keep him / herself pure?
15. How can one endure suffering?
16. Write any two suffering experiences that Jesus underwent.
17. What major lessons do we learn from Jesus' experience above?