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THEME: CHRISTIANS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

TOPIC: ENRICHED IN THE SPIRIT

NATURE OF HUMAN BEINGS

- God created Adam from dust (Gen 2:7)
- Eve was created from Adam's rib.
- God breathed into the nostrils of human beings.
- God created human beings in his own image (Gen. 1:27).
- Human beings have a free will either to serve God or Satan.
- Human beings have the ability to talk to God through prayer.
- Human beings have a large and complex brain.
- Human beings can talk to each other.
- Human beings walk on two legs.

Roles of human beings

- To look after God's creation (Gen 1:26)
- To participate in God's work of creation by producing young ones (genesis 1:28)
- To cultivate land and grow food (Gen. 2:15)

Animal freedoms

- Life
- Movement
- Feeding
- Reproduction
- Care

Respect, care and protection of all life including animals and plants.

- Human beings need to feed the animals.
- Provide shelter where necessary.
- Protect animals from danger.
- Treat them when they fall sick.

How human beings failed to live up to God's standards.

- Eve was tempted to eat the forbidden fruit by the serpent.
- Eve ate the forbidden fruit and gave some to Adam.
- They ate the forbidden fruit because they wanted to become as wise as God.

Consequences of disobedience to mankind.

- God's relationship with human beings was broken.
- Fear amongst people
- Embarrassment amongst people.
- Women giving birth in pain.
- Sickness and death of body, soul and spirit.
- Hard work in order to get the basic needs of life.
- Quarrels, wars and fights among people.
- Adam and Eve were sent out of Eden.

How we fail to live up to God's standards today.

- Failing to respect other people.
- Fighting with others.
- Quarrelling with others.

- Worshipping false gods.
- Murdering people.

Activity

1. What did God use to create Adam?
2. Why did God create man in His own image?
3. Why did God create man last?
4. What shows that God loved Adam and Eve so much?
5. How did man disobey God?
6. How do people fail to live up to God's standards today?
7. In which three ways are people suffering because of Adam and Eve's disobedience?

GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

- God calls Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3)
- God rescues Israelites from Egypt (exod. 24:3)
- God makes a covenant with the Israelites (exod. 19: 5-6)
- Israelites reach the Promised Land.
- God prepares his chosen people through leaders and prophets.
 - David – Psalms 51:10 – 13
 - Amos – 5:14 – 15
 - Micah – 6:8
 - Isaiah 9:5-7
 - Jeremiah 31:31
 - Ezekiel 36:25.27

Teaching about God's plan for salvation.

- John the Baptist was the last prophet to prepare people for the coming of the savior.
- His message was repentance (Mathew 3:1-12).
- God sends his only son to die for our sins (John 3:16)
- The birth of Jesus Christ (John 1:14)

Note: The process by which God the son put on flesh is called **incarnation.**

- Jesus dies for our sins.
- Resurrection of Jesus

Jesus' life as a perfect example.

- . His birth (conceived by the holy spirit)
- He loved all people equally.
- He never committed any sin.
- He aimed at solving rather than creating problems.
- Jesus lived a prayerful life.
- Jesus loved sinners

Activity

What is salvation?

Why did God send prophets to the people of Israel?

What was the first step in God's plan of salvation?

Give the meaning of incarnation

ANCESTORS, OURSELVES AND THE SPIRIT

Christian and African Traditional Beliefs.

- Before the introduction of Christianity Africans knew God as a creator, protector and provider.
- They had local names for God and believed in African Traditional Religion.

Tribe	Name of God	Meaning
Baganda	Katonda	Creator
Banyoro	Rugaba	Giver
Lteso	Lokasuban	Creator
Kakwa	Nyuleso	God in the sky
Luhya (Kenya)	Nyasaye	Beseeched one

Similarities between ATR and Christian beliefs.

- Both believe that God is the creator and sustainer of life.
- Both believe in life after death.
- Both believe in forgiveness and reconciliation with one another and God.
- Both have sacrifices and rituals.
- Life is believed to be a gift from God in both religions.

Differences between A.T.R and Christian beliefs.

- A.T.R believes in witch craft unlike Christians.
- A.T.R believes in polygamy unlike Christians.

- Christians believe in the resurrection of the body on the day of judgement while A.T.R doesn't.
- A.T.R believes that the living dead can cause misfortunes to the living while Christians do not
- ATR offers sacrifices to the dead yet Christians don't
- ATR does not believe in the day of judgement like Christians.
- In ATR the dead are remembered as ancestors while in Christianity the dead are remembered as saints

Evil practices and beliefs of A.T.R

- Polygamy
- Witch craft
- Appeasing the dead
- Sacrificing human beings
- Charms and amulets.

Communion of saints

A saint is a person who died and made holy by the church because of their contribution to the church

Communion of saints is the fellowship between saints and Christians who are still living

Ways communion of saints is expressed in the living Christians

- ❖ Using the names of saints at baptism
- ❖ Using names of saints for church buildings
- ❖ Using the names of saints for schools

Importance of communion of saints to living Christians

- ❖ Inspires Christians to work for eternal life
- ❖ Saints act as role models to Christians in their daily lives

Reconciliation

- Reconciliation means bringing back a broken relationship.

Causes of misunderstandings

- Adultery
- Back biting
- Greed
- False accusation
- Suspicion of witchcraft.

Importance of reconciliation

- It restores friendship and love
- It restores personal communications.
- Prevents bitterness and revenge.
- Working together is restored.

Traditional ways of reconciliation.

- Arbitration
- Paying fines
- Apologizing
- Sharing meals.

Christian ways of reconciling with God.

- Believing in Jesus Christ.
- Accepting Jesus as a personal savior.
- Repenting for our sins.

Christian ways of reconciling with one another.

- Arbitration
- Paying fines
- Ask for forgiveness
- Sharing meals

Life after death

According to tradition some people believe that the dead continue to live in another form of life. They remember their dead by practicing the following:

- Naming children after them.
- Caring for their graves.
- Swearing in their names.
- Cursing people through them
- Offering them food and drinks
- Asking them to bless the living people.

Biblical teaching on death and life after death.

- Those who believe in Jesus Christ live after death
- The Bible teaches that death originated from the sin of Adam and Eve.
- Christians will resurrect in their bodies on Judgement day.

- On Judgement day Jesus will come back to take those who died believing in him.
- Death is the beginning of eternal life, so Christians should not fear death

ENRICHED BY OTHER NATIONS AND RELIGIONS

World religions.

- Religion is a belief in spiritual beings.

Examples of world religions.

- Christianity
- Islam
- Judaism
- Hinduism
- Bhai faith
- Buddhism

How we can respect and relate with people of other religions.

- Being polite and respectful.
- Do not disregard founders of their religions.
- Be willing to listen.
- Use common similarities.

Common religious beliefs

- The belief in the existence of God or gods (Theism).
- Belief that there is no God (Atheism)
- Belief in existence of the creator (Deism)

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Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5: 22 – 23)

