**PRIMARY SEVEN C.R.E LESSON NOTES 2023 TERM ONE**

**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 all living things (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 are the forbidden fruit because they wanted to become as wise as God.

**Congruencies of disobedience to man kind.**

* 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, was 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.
* Quarreling with others.
* Worshipping false gods.
* Murdering people.

**GOD’S PLAN FOR SALVATION**

* God calls Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3)
* God rescues Israelites from Egypt (exod. 24:3)
* God makes a convenantt 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 “Turn away from your sins” (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.

**Topic two:**

**Ancestors, our selves and the spirit Christian and African traditional beliefs.**

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

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| Tribe | Name of God | Meaning |
| Baganda | Katonda | Creator |
| Banyoro | Rugaba | Giver |
| Lteso | Lokasuban | Creator |
| Kakwa | Nyuleso | Godin 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.

**Evil practices and beliefs of A.T.R**

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

**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.

**Biblical teaching on death and life after death.**

* Those who believe in Jesus Christ live after death.
* Christians will resurrect in their bodies on Judgement day.
* On Judgement day Jesus will come back to take those who died believing in him.

**Topic 3: Enriched by other Nations and Religions.**

**World religions.**

* Religion is a belief in spiritual beings.

**Examples of world religions.**

* Christianity
* Islam
* Judaism
* Hinduism
* Bahdi faith
* Budhism

**How we can respect and relate to 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)
* Belief that all natural objects e.g plants, animals have life (Animism).

**World organization**

* United Nations Organisation
* The Common wealth Organisation.
* The East African Community.
* The African Union.

**How we benefit from people of other countries**

* Culture
* Trade
* Relief
* Development.

**TERM II**

**Topic 1: serving others in the spirit.**

* Service is the action of helping or doing work for others.
* A servant is a person who helps to do work for others.

**Examples of servants**

* God’s servants e.g bishops, pastors, prophets.
* Civil servants e.g teachers, doctors.
* Domestic servants e.g porters, house maids.

**People who accepted God’s call for service.**

* Mother There sa.

- Found the order of sisters and brothers.

- Served the sick

* William Wilber force

- fought to stop slave trade

* Dr. Iucille Teasdale

- Built St. Mary’s hospital Lacor in Gulu.

- She treated sick people.

**People who need service**

* Poor
* Old
* Disabled
* Youngsick
* The orphans
* Refugees

**Biblical teaching on serving others.**

* Luke 13: 32 – 34, Mathew 25: 31 – 40
* Luke 16: 19 -25 John 13:8
* Acts 6:1 – 3

**Relief organization. (voluntary organisations)**

* These are organizations that help needy people

**Examples**

* Uganda Women’s Effort to save Orphans. (UWESO)
* The AIDS support organisation (TASO)
* International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
* World Vision International
* Adventist Development Relief Agency (ADRA)
* Carry American Relief Every where (CARE)
* Plan international
* Sanyu Babies home
* Save the children fund. (SCF)
* Christian children fund.(CCF)

(Teacher to give roles of each)

**Topic 2 living in the spirit of love.**

* Bible laws on love. (Mathew 19:3-6)
* Marriage is the legal union of man and woman as husband and wife.
* Why is marriage called a social institution

- It unites families, clans, tribes and other races.

**Types of marriage**

* Religious marriage
* Conducted by religious leaders
* Called holy matrimony in Christianity

**Activities done in church**

Exchanging vows

Signing marriage certificate

Exchanging rings.

Customary marriage

- carried out following traditional customs.

- involves paying bride price.

Bride price is money and property a husband pays to the wife’s family in some societies.

* Civil marriage

- This is marriage performed by government official.

**Purpose of marriage:** (Mathew 19:4, Gen 1:27 – 28, Gen 2:1 - 25

* For company
* To produce children
* For sexual pleasure
* For respect

**Biblical laws on marriage (1 corin 7:1-16)**

* Every man and woman should have one partner.
* Divorce is not allowed.
* One should marry when he / she fails to control his / her sexual desires.
* Marriage partners should fulfill their duties to each other.

**Bible laws on love:** (Mathew 19: 3 – 6)

* Love unites man and woman as husband and wife.
* Partners should love each other.

**Bible laws on marriage** (exodus 20:14)

* Do not commit adultery.

**Qualities of a good marriage partner**

* Should have a good family back ground
* Should be faithful and should have true love
* Should have good health
* Should be obedient
* Should be hard working
* Should be trustworthy.
* Should be educated
* Should be good looking.

**Common marriage problems**

* Quarrels
* Fights
* Lack of respect for one another
* Lack of trust
* Neglect of children

**Love (mark 12:31, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7)**

* True love has the following meaning according to Paul.

- Patience

- Faithfulness

- Persistence

- Hopeful

- Kind

- Everlasting

**Importance of good friendship and self control**

* People who have good friendship and self control enjoy the following:

- getting good advice

- Being encouraged

- Being encouraged

- Assisted in case of trouble

- Social satistaction

- Sharing work

**Sexual deviations**

- Sexual deviations

- lesbianism

- Beastiality

- Homosexuality

- Incest

**TOPIC: THE SPIRIT MAKES US FREE**

* Freedom and Authority

- Authority is having control over other people.

- Freedom is not being under control of someone else.

* **Biblical teaching on freedom and Authority**.

- Titus 3:1, Rom 13:1 -17, math 22:15-22 mark 10:42-45

- All authority comes from God

- leaders should serve people they lead.

- leaders should give freedom to their people.

* **Types of Authority**

- Divine authority – possessed by God

- Apostolic authority – messianic power Jesus gave to the Church.

- Marital authority – husbands over their wives

- Civil authority – Husbands over their people.

- Symbolic authority – received from objects e.g constitution.

* **Proper use of authority and freedom**

(Romans 13: 1 -7)

- To keep law and order

- To defend people’s rights

- Caring for the needy

- Promoting unity

- Creating peace

* **Misuse of authority and freedom**

- Leaders mistreat the people they lead.

- Leaders embezzle public funds.

* **Ways people misuse freedom**

- Dressing badly

- Use of obscene words on radio shows

- Abusing people in public

- Civil servants misusing their offices

* **Relationship between freedom and authority**

- Both are God given

- Authority affects the use of freedom and freedom affects the use of authority.

- The misuse of authority and freedom breeds evil.

* **Responsibilities of leaders**

- To guide people

- To protect people

To promote unity among people

To mobilize people for development.

* **Lessons from Jesus perfect use of freedom and authority (John 13:5)**

- He used it to benefit all people

- He used it to solve problems / difficulties

- He used it to serve others.

* **Eligible voters**

- In Uganda all people above 18 years can register to vote.

* **Free and fair elections**

- It is the duty of the electoral commission to preside over free and fair elections.

Topic 4: the spirit helps us to use his gifts

* **Talents :**

- A talent is a natural ability to do something well

* **Examples of talents.**

- Singing

- Dancing

- Acting

- Debating

- Writing

- Drawing

- Playing football / net ball

* **Way of identifying talents**

- Through practice

- Through the guidance of other people.

- Through praying

* **Using available resources to serve God and fellow human beings.**

- Making machines used for building.

- Making medicine to cure diseases.

- Making education better.

- Making communication better

* **Uses of resources that break God’s commandments.**

- Making medicine to carry out abortion.

- Making weapons of mass destruction.

- For disputing God’s existence.

- Making poisonous chemical to poison other people.

* **Conscience**

This is a feeling that tells one whether what he / she is doing is right or wrong.

* **How the holy spirit helps us through our conscience**

**(John 16 : 6 – 15, 1 corin 12:1 – 11)**

- The holy spirit reveals the truth to our conscience.

* **THE GIFTS AND FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Fruits of the holy spirit (Gol 5: 22 – 23)**

-These are new characters we get from the influence at the holy spirit.

Examples

- Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness.

* **Gifts of the holy spirit (corinthions 12 : 27 & 12 : 8 – 10)**

-Theses are abilities to do services we get from the influence of the holy spirit.

Examples

- Wisdom, knowledge, faith, power to heal, speaking God’s message.

- Ability to distinguish gifts of the holy spirit.

- Speaking in strange tongues.

**TERM III**

**TOPIC 5 : STRENGTHENED BY THE SPIRIT WE ACCEPT THE EVENTS OF LIFE.**

**SUCCESS AND FAILURE**

* Success means archeiving a desired goals.
* Failure is when one doesn’t get what he / she aims at getting.

**Causes of failure.**

* Lack of faith in God
* Lack of self confidence
* Pessimism (believing that the worst can happen any time)
* Poor advice
* Illiteracy
* Pride

**How to cope with success or failure.**

* Concentrating on available privileges and chances.
* Fighting satans temptation using God’s words.

**What Christians should view as success**

* Harmony with God and fellow beings.
* Loving others
* Service for others
* Respect for God and other people
* Thinking more of others than ourselves.

**What Christians should not view as success**

* Money
* Popularity
* Prestige
* Wealth

**Fear**

* Fear is the feeling that something bad may happen.

**Forms of fear**

* Real fear – afraid at objects that can harm
* Imagined fear – general fear to fail
* Anxiety – state of being worried.

**Causes of fear**

* Being lonely
* Lack of confidence
* Death
* Embarrassment

**Values of fear**

* Helps us to avoid dangerous situations
* Makes us do tasks better
* Makes us respect those who can protect us
* Makes us to seek for God’s help.

**Biblical teachings on fear** (mark 14 : 32 – 36 Joshua 1:5 – 9 Isaiah 41: 10 – 13 / 14)

* Always pray to God for strength and courage
* Have determination, confidence and obey God’s commandments.
* Leave all our worries to God.

**Emotions**

* An emotion is a state of one’s mind.

**Examples of emotional feelings**

* Sadness, Anger, fear, cheerfulness

**How to control emotions**

* Being patient
* Avoiding anger
* Avoiding revenge
* Being kind
* Believing in God in all situations.

**TOPIC 9 PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT**

* Communication is the sending and receiving of information.

**How God communicates to us**

* Through the bible
* Through visions
* Through prophets
* Through priests

**How we communicate to God**

* Through prayer
* A prayer is a special way of communicating to God.

**Types of prayer**

* Praise prayer
* Thanks giving prayer
* Confessional prayer
* Petition prayer
* Intercession prayer
* Liturgical prayer

**Teacher to explain to learners**

**Importance of prayer**

* Brings us closer to God
* Helps us to control our emotions
* Helps us talk to God
* Helps us find peace in times of stress and sorrow.

**Reasons why people pray**

* To thank God
* To praise God
* To confess our sins
* To ask for protection

**Ways of praying**

* Praying silently
* Praying loudly

**Principles to follow during prayer**

* Have faith
* Being humble before God
* Turn the whole mind to God (be focused)
* Present all your desires and needs.

**When should a Christian pray**

* When in need
* Any time
* During joy / sorrow

**Jesus teaching on a prayer (Mathew 6:9 – 13)**

* Jesus taught his disciples the Lord’s prayer.

Teacher mentions what we ask for in the Lord’s prayer

**Lessons learnt from the Lord’s prayer.**

* To praise God
* To request God for our daily needs
* To ask God for forgiveness
* To ask God to protect us from evil
* To forgive others.

**Reasons why Jesus prayed**

* To get food (Luke 8:6)
* To forgive his enemies (Luke 23:33-34)
* To know God’s will (Mathew 26:42)
* To ask for strength and courage (matt. 26:39)

**Places where Jesus prayed from**

* Gethsemane (matt 26:39-42)
* On top of the hill (Mark 6:46)
* At the grave yard (John 11:41 – 43)

**TOPIC 10 GROWING IN THE SPIRIT**

* Prayer in the early church
* Arrest of Peter and John (acts 4: 1 -4)
* Release at Peter from prison (acts 12: 1 -10
* Peter resurrects Tabitha (acts 9: 36 – 41)
* Paul and Barnabas (acts 14:21 – 23)

**Creeds**

* Creeds are statements of Christian beliefs.
* Examples of creeds:

- apostles creeds

- Nicene creed

- Athanasius creed

**sections of creed**

- God the father

- God the son

- God the Holy Spirit

**Sacraments**

* A sacrament is a symbolic religious celebration through which Christians believe that they receive God’s grace.

**Characteristics of sacraments**

* Must have a material sign e.g wine, bread.
* Must have a system of giving (receiving)
* Must confirm the presence and power of Jesus.

**Examples of sacraments**

* Baptism
* Confirmation
* Holy matrimony
* Penance
* Holy order / ordination
* Anointing of the sick
* Holy Communion / Eucharist.

**Holy Spirit and prayer**

* The holy spirit gives people the power to:

- Believe in God

- Believe in God’s teachings as written in the Bible.

- Have knowledge and wisdom

- Send our prayers to God

- Become members of God’s family through Baptism.

**Holy Spirit in the church today**

* A church is a group of Christian believers. The presence of the holy spirit in the church is called **New Pentecost.**
* The following scriptures show the presence at the Holy Spirit in believers.

- Gal 3:14

Rom 8:9

1 Cor. 6:17

Rom 8:14 – 17.

* **The New Pentecost**

Roman 12:6

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