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Preface

A child is a great wonder. There is no end to the thinking about his/her world of wonder. A child is a subject of contemplation for educationists, scientists, philosophers, child specialists and psychologists. The fundamental principles of children education outlined in the National Education Policy 2010 have been defined in the light of these contemplations. The curriculum for primary education has been revised to develop a child on the potentials of his/her innate amazement, unbounded curiosity, endless joy and enthusiasm keeping in view the all-round development of children's potentials. The aims and objectives of primary education were modified in the revised curriculum of 2011.

The necessity of learning Religion and Moral Education is becoming wider everyday. It is utmost necessary at primary level. Because, at this age, a child's religious and moral base is strongly developed. Keeping this in mind, the section of Moral Teachings has been added in the **Christian Religion and Moral Education** Book. The text book has been developed strongly focusing on Christian Religion and morality so that our students can learn the difference between good and evil doing, avoid the evil and accept the good and build up themselves as a person of character and strong personality. So that they can be able to know and love God, the creations of God and nature according to their own characteristics.

To make the young learners interested, enthusiastic and dedicated, Bangladesh Awami League Government under the dynamic leadership of the Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has taken initiatives to change the textbooks into four colors, and make them interesting, sustainable and distributed free of cost since 2009. The textbooks of Pre-primary, Primary, Secondary, Ibtedaie, Dakhil, Dakhil Vocational and SSC Vocational level are being distributed free of cost across the country which is a historical initiative of the present government.

My sincere acknowledgement and thanks to all who had helped in different stages of composition, edition, rational evaluation, printing and publication of the textbook. Though all cares have been taken by those concerned, the book may contain some errors/lapses. Therefore, any constructive and rational suggestions will be highly appreciated for further improvement and enrichment of the book. We will deem all our efforts successful if the young learners for whom it is intended find it useful to them.

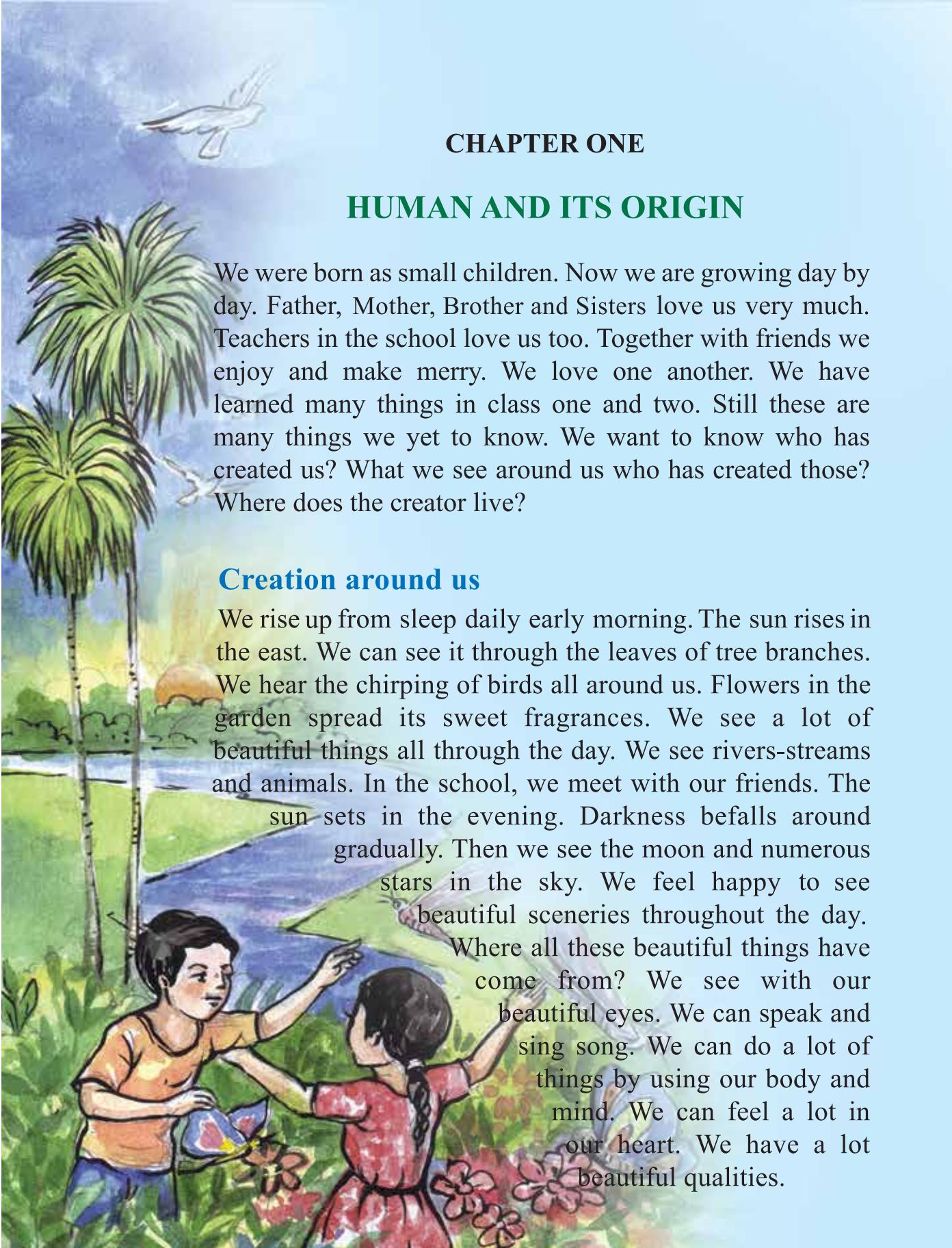
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CHAPTER ONE

HUMAN AND ITS ORIGIN

We were born as small children. Now we are growing day by day. Father, Mother, Brother and Sisters love us very much. Teachers in the school love us too. Together with friends we enjoy and make merry. We love one another. We have learned many things in class one and two. Still these are many things we yet to know. We want to know who has created us? What we see around us who has created those? Where does the creator live?

Creation around us

We rise up from sleep daily early morning. The sun rises in the east. We can see it through the leaves of tree branches. We hear the chirping of birds all around us. Flowers in the garden spread its sweet fragrances. We see a lot of beautiful things all through the day. We see rivers-streams and animals. In the school, we meet with our friends. The sun sets in the evening. Darkness befalls around gradually. Then we see the moon and numerous stars in the sky. We feel happy to see beautiful sceneries throughout the day.

Where all these beautiful things have come from? We see with our beautiful eyes. We can speak and sing song. We can do a lot of things by using our body and mind. We can feel a lot in our heart. We have a lot beautiful qualities.

Likewise, our parents, brother and sister and others also have beautiful qualities. Our friends are also good. Who has given all theses to us? Where have we come from?

God is the Creator of Creation

We can get answers of all our queries from God. God has spoken to us through the Holy Bible. The Bible is the word of God. We find answers of our minds from the Holy Bible. We know of ourselves from the Bible. About all creations around us, we can know from the Bible too. It is written in the Holy Bible that God has created all things on the earth. He has created all of us. He has created the sky, air, sun, moon, and stars. He has also created trees, birds, animals, streams-rivers, and oceans etc. He loves us a lot. That is why He has created us all. God is the creator of all things.



Reading of the Holy Bible

God is the fountain of all creation:

Birth place of anything can be called as the fountain. For an example: the mountain is fountain of a stream. But God has created the mountain through His command. Only through His commandments He has created everything. That is why God is the fountain of mountain and streams. Whatever we see all around us, God is the creator of all these. He is the creator of our life too. We can see God's presence in all things.



Mountain is source Fountain
creator of our life too. We can see God's presence in all things.

Praised be God:

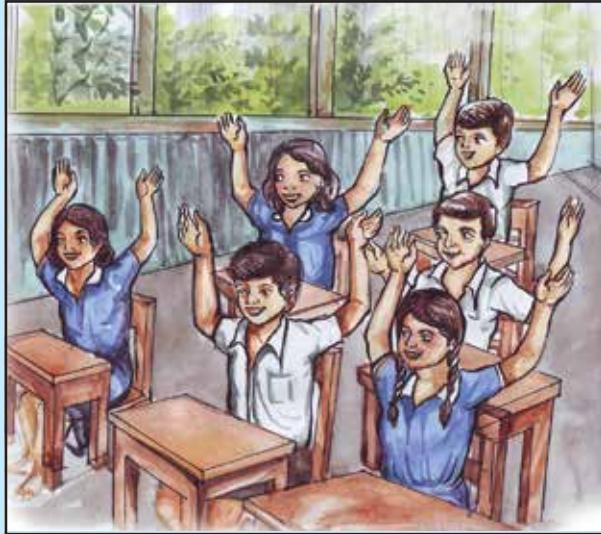
God has created all things. He is the fountain of all creations. He loves us. That is why we praise Him by singing songs:

"What a wonderful creation of Yours O' God!

As I think of it again and again...
My eyes looks at those with awe!
The thirst of heart is filled with its beauty.

What a wonderful creation of Yours O' God!

As I think of it again and again..."



Planned Work: Look at around and make a list of those things.

Exercise

1. Fill in the gaps:

- a) God _____ speaks to us.
- b) Creator of all things is _____.
- c) Birth place of anything can be called as _____.
- d) The mountain is the _____ of fountain.
- e) Creation of all things is _____.

2. Match the left hand side part with the right as to make sensible sentences

a. Teachers	a. qualities.
b. We can see in the sky	b. we can in the sky.
c. We have a lot of beautiful	c. love us.
d. Who has created all things on earth ?	d. all creations
e. He is the creator of	e. moon and a lot of stars.
	f. God.

3. Put a tick mark () beside the number of the correct answer:

3.1 What do we do for each other?

- a) Criticize b) Praise c) Love d) Hate.

3.2 Who has beautiful qualities in us?

- a) Father and Mother b) God c) Teacher d) Relatives.

3.3 How are our friends?

- a) Good b) Bad c) Dishonest d) Beautiful.

3.4 Where are the word of God written in?

- a) the story book b) the diary c) the Holy Bible d) the exercise book.

3.5 What is the fountain of stream?

- a) Canal b) Mountain c) River d) Ocean.

4. Give the answer of the following questions in brief:

- a) How do look the earth?
- b) What is the best creation of all?
- c) Where is the creation story written in?
- d) Who is the fountain of all creation?

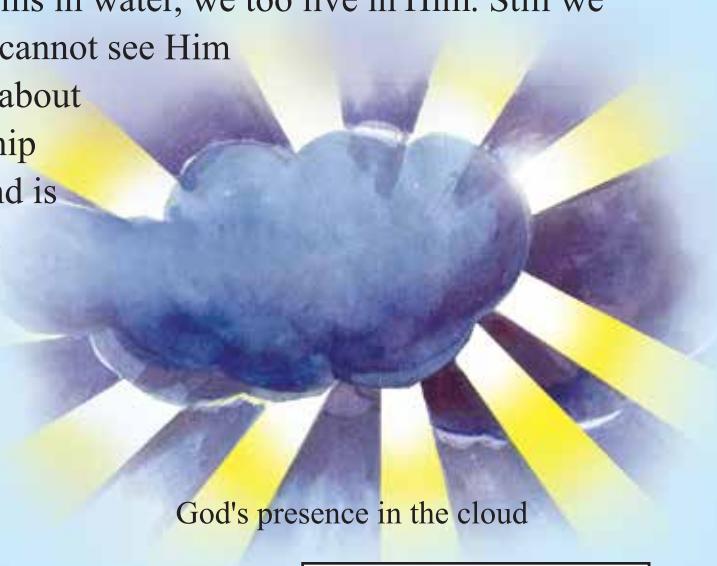
5. Give the answer of the following questions:

- a) What do we see all around us?
- b) Describe the creation of Almighty God?
- c) Why shall we praise the creation of God?

CHAPTER TWO

GOD

We have come to know that God is the fountain of creation. We live very close to God. As the fish swims in water, we too live in Him. Still we cannot see Him. Though we cannot see Him but we can know something about Him. We can make relationship with Him. He is Almighty and is present everywhere. He lives in man's heart.



God's presence in the cloud

God is Almighty

God has created everything. Man is the best of His creation. Nothing can exist without His grace. God can do everything.



Study

God is the most intelligent One.
Thus, He grants intelligence to all.



Kind work

God is the most forgiving. He grants the grace of forgiveness in everybody's heart.



Forgiveness

God is love and grants loving desire in everybody's heart.



Love

Death comes from God. He also generates new life. He is Life-giver and generates life in all things



New Life

All things obey the law of God. Animals, trees, hills-mountains, rivers-canals, oceans, moon, stars, sun, sky, air, all obey His commandment. God has created us. He has granted us soul. Conscience helps us understand good and bad. He has granted us the ability to ask for forgiveness and to forgive. He grants us intelligence for doing different tasks. To learn about new things, He grants us knowledge. He grants us patience and power to overcome greediness. God knows what is in our heart. His power and virtue cannot be simply described. Thus we say God is Almighty.

God is Present Everywhere

One day, a religion teacher gave each student a chocolate while teaching religion. He said, "Eat this chocolate in such a place where nobody can see you eating." Next day, the teacher wanted to know who had eaten the chocolate.

Except Bablu, all said that they ate chocolate. The teacher wanted to know from Bablu why he did not eat chocolate. Bablu replied that he could not find any place where nobody could see him eating chocolate. All students got surprised hearing it. Then Bablu replied that God is present everywhere. He sees everything. He could not find any place where nobody could see while eating. The teacher was happy to hear this from Bablu. Then he made all understand that God is present everywhere. He sees everything.

God is Formless

God cannot be seen. He does not have any form. He is formless; He is still with us always and loves us. For an example, we cannot live without air, trees, birds, animals, nothing can exist without air. We cannot see the air but it is everywhere on earth. We cannot see God too but He is present everywhere.

What we learnt:

God is formless. He is Almighty. He knows everything, sees all and can do all. He loves us all.

Planned Work : Write down 10 actions what God can do.

Exercise

1. Fill in the gaps:

- a) God is _____ and is present everywhere.
- b) _____ is the best of his creation.
- c) Nothing can exist without God's _____ .
- d) God is the most _____ one · He grants intelligence to all.
- e) God is kind, thus, He grants _____ in everybody's heart.

2. Match the left hand side part with the right as to make sensible sentences:

a) God is the life-giver	a) conscience helps
b) God grants loving desire in everybody's heart	b) God
c) All things obey the law	c) and generates life in all things
d) understand good and bad	d) God is love
e) knows what is in our heart	e) forgiving
	f) of God

3. Put a tick mark (✓) beside the number of the correct answer:

3.1 What is the form of God?

- (a) Round (b) Formless (c) Triangle (d) Egg-shape

3.2 Who has created all things on earth?

- (a) Man (b) Jesus (c) God (d) Holy Spirit

3.3 We cannot live without?

- (a) Air (b) Strom (c) Trees (d) Flood

3.4 The best creation is of all creations?

- (a) Trees (b) Mountains (c) Water in ocean (d) Man

3.5 To know new things God grants us?

- (a) Knowledge (b) Conscience (c) Forgiving desire (d) Intelligence

4. Give the answer of the following questions in brief:

- a) How do we live in?
- b) Where does God live in?
- c) How God is with us?
- d) Why does God give us conscience?

5. Give the answer of the following questions:

- a) What are works of God?
- b) Describe the creation work of God.

CHAPTER THREE

THE HOLY TRINITY



Trinitarian God

We have begun knowing about the Holy Trinity from childhood. We continue to learn about the Holy Trinity as we grow old. But we never stop learning about the Holy Trinity. The "Holy Trinity" means three persons. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit together is One God. It is a great mystery. We cannot understand it fully. It is beyond our understanding. Though we cannot understand it fully but we believe it.

God is One:

We know that God is the formless Spirit. Neither can we see Him nor can we know Him fully. However, God has sent His Son to us. The Son has revealed Himself to us. We have come to God the Father through the God of Son. Through God the Father and God the Son, we have come to know the God the Holy Spirit. Through God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, we have come to know that God is One.

Three Persons are Equal:

Three Persons are Equal. No one is greater or smaller than anyone. All three share same Nature. God the Father, God the Son and God the Spirit, together is One. God the Father creates. God the Son and God the Holy Spirit was the God the Father in the process of creation.

God the Son is from God the Father. God the Son carries out the saving work. God the Father and God the Holy Spirit was with God the Son during the saving work. The God the Holy Spirit proceeds from God the Father and God the Son. He now dwells in us. He is our Helper. God the Father and God the Son is with Him. That is way we believe in One God. We worship One God.



Three in One

Three Persons together is One:

The Holy Trinity is great mystery to us. How God is One but still are three persons? An example can help us understand the mystery of the Holy Trinity. In a vine, there is only one main stem but it has many branches. All the branches are equally important. All branches together bear fruit and give us sweet fruit.

What we learnt:

God is One but three persons. God the Father has created us, God the Son has saved us and the God the Holy Spirit grants inspiration, helps us and dwell in us. We worship only God.

Planned Work: Name the three persons of God and who does what?

Exercise

1. Fill in the gaps:

- One God has _____ persons.
- The meaning of Holy Trinity _____ .
- God the Son carries out _____ work.
- God the Holy Spirit grants us _____ .
- We worship _____ God.

2. Match the left hand side part with the right as to make sensible sentences

a) One God has	a) God the Father
b) creates	b) God the Son
c) Carries out the saving work	c) three persons
d) We know through God the Father and God the Son	d) children
	e) God the Holy Spirit

3. Put a tick mark (\checkmark) beside the number of the correct answer:

3.1 How many persons are in One God?

3.2 We know the God the Son through -

3.3 Who does reveal the God the Father?

- (a) God the Father (b) God the Son
(c) God the Hoy Spirit (d) Holy Trinity

3.4 Among three persons, each one is -

- (a) Small and Great (b) Different
(c) Equally different (d) Same

3.5 How does the God the Holy Spirit work?

4. Give the answer of the following questions in brief:

- a) What does it mean the "Holy Trinity"?
 - b) Who does the creation work?
 - c) What does God the Son do?
 - d) Who is our helper?

5. Give the answer of the following questions:

- a) How the three persons are equal?
 - b) How the three persons together is One God ?

CHAPTER FOUR

DEFEAT OF SATAN AND PUNISHMENT

We all on earth want to live in peace. We want peace, joy, love, compassion, security and so on. But we see that these are greatly lacking in society. We see unrest, injustice-oppression, hatred, conflicts, insecurity, suffering all around us without any proper explanation. Sometimes, deep down in hearts we ask, where does come from evil one after the other? Why all these evils are not completely vanished? To get answer of all these we have to study the Holy Bible. The Holy Bible teaches us that Satan is the source of these sufferings and evils. Satan is continuously trying to keep us away from the love of God. Always Satan is planning to separate us from God. Continuously Satan is tempting us. In spite of temptations we must keep our heart firm. God has given us freedom. Making use of freedom we must decide daily whom shall we listen to - Satan or God?



Satan is driven away from Heaven

Identity of Satan

The one whom we call Satan, it is also called as the Devil. The Devil and its followers were like the heavenly angels once upon a time. They too used to worship God like heavenly angels. But envy began growing in

them against God. By using their freedom they committed sin. Since that moment they are known as devils. St. John has named the Devil as Dragon. Whilst he had a heavenly vision he saw the Dragon. It has seven heads and ten horns. He ferociously opposed the plan of God.

Offences of Devil and his Followers :

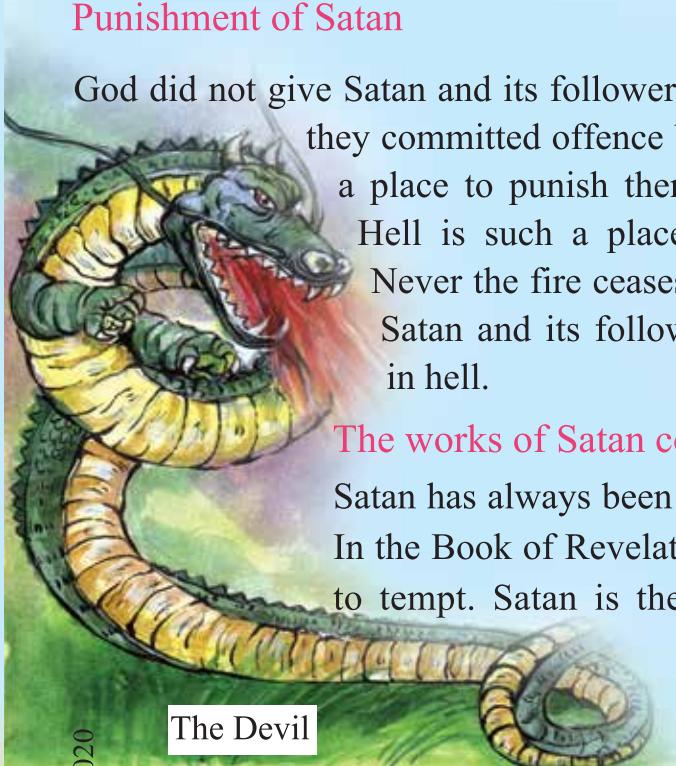
Pride has gradually swallowed up the Dragon, known as Satan and its followers. They became proud. They rejected God and His Reign thenee. A war was broken out in heaven. Archangel Michael and his followers fought against the Dragon or Satan and its followers. Dragon or Satan and its followers began fighting against Archangel Michael and his followers. Finally Satan and its followers were defeated. They were driven away from heaven. They were driven to hell from heaven.

Punishment of Satan

God did not give Satan and its followers any chance for repentance. Because they committed offence by using their freedom. God arranged a place to punish them. God created a hell for the Satan. Hell is such a place where continuously fire enflames. Never the fire ceases. God had thrown them into the hell. Satan and its followers have continuously been burning in hell.

The works of Satan continues

Satan has always been working against God to take revenge. In the Book of Revelation, it is stated that Satan always tries to tempt. Satan is the source of liar, conflict and unrest.



The Devil

Satan have always been trying to tempt man.

First they tempted Adam and then Eve. After trying ceaselessly, they never were able to defeat Jesus. But Jesus defeated Satan. Those of whose faith is weak, they fall into the temptation of Satan.

Those of whose faith is deep, they can overcome the temptation of Satan. Those of who always do bad things are collaborators of Satan. At present, also some people lead others into sinful actions. They always live life against the commandments of God and teach others to do so. Those who do much work, they are the descendent of Satan.



Satan must to be defeated

In the book of Revelation, it is stated that Jesus came to this world to destroy power of Satan. Jesus succeeded to do so through His actions. He said to His disciples, "I saw Satan fall like lightening from heaven (Luk 10.18)" Satan tempted Jesus in the desert. But He said, "be away from me." Then Satan went away from Jesus.

If we want to defeat Satan, then we must also work like Jesus. We can also say when we fall into temptation, "be away from us." Then Satan will go away from us.

Moral Teaching

Satan's Work	God's Work
Show Pride	Don't be proud
Opposing God	To be in communion with God
Lead others into astray	Lead others to just path
Groupings	Unity
Create unrest	Make peace
Tell lie	Establish Truth

What we learnt:

Pride and envy caused Satan for defeat. As a result Satan and its descendent suffered punishment in hell. Eternally they will suffer and be burned. Satan is a liar. Those who follow Satan are its descendent. Those who follow Jesus are the children of God.

Planned Work: Write down five tasks of Satan.

Exercise

1. Fill in the gaps:

- a) The cause of suffering and bad is _____.
- b) All in this world want to live in _____.
- c) Another name of Satan is _____.
- d) In spite of temptations we must keep our heart _____.
- e) Satan always is trying to _____ us.

2. Match the left hand side part with the right as to make sensible sentences :

a) By using freedom Satan	a) as dragon
b) St. John named Satan	b) fall into temptation of Satan
c) Satan always works against God	c) committed sin
d) God for Satan	d) to take revenge
e) Those of whose faith is weak	e) hell create
	f) cannot lead into sin

3. Put a tick mark (✓) beside the number of the correct answer:

3.1 For whom God has arranged punishment?

- | | |
|-----------|---------------|
| (a) Man | (b) Satan |
| (c) Jesus | (d) Disciples |

3.2 In which fire Satan and his collaborators has been burning?

- | | |
|------------|---------------|
| (a) Heaven | (b) Purgatory |
| (c) Gehena | (d) Hell |

3.3 Where did the Satan tempt Jesus?

- | | |
|------------|--------------|
| (a) Desert | (b) Mountain |
| (c) Field | (d) Temple |

3.4 What caused to be defeated for Satan?

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| (a) Pride and Envy | (b) Envy and anger |
| (c) Lie and defame | (d) Lie and anger |

3.5 Who do fall into the temptation of Satan?

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| (a) Strong in faith | (b) Liars |
| (c) Weak in faith | (d) Physically weak |

4. Give the answer of the following questions in brief:

- a) What is said in the book of Revelation?
- b) Who are the descendent of Satan?
- c) What did Jesus say to Satan in the Desert?
- d) Who will get burned in hell eternally?

5. Give the answer of the following questions:

- a) What are the works of God?
- b) What kind of punishment God gave to the defeated Satan?
- c) What did Jesus say to us to defeat Satan?
- d) What is the identity of Satan?

CHAPTER FIVE

THE HOLY BIBLE

The word "Bible" is taken from Greek. The meaning of Bible it books. There are many books in a library, likewise Bible is a library. Because the Bible is composed with many tiny and large books. The books which we now see and use, it was not such in the past. Paper was not discovered then. Books used to write then either on skin or leaf. The entire book used to be written in hand. The first Bible was written on skin.



The Holy Bible

Bible is the Word of God

The Holy Bible is the main religious book of Christians. The Holy Bible is the Word of God or speech. We can know of God's love and His will by the reading the Bible. We also know how he had planned to save us. By knowing His will, we leave the sinful way and move towards holy path. Despite of many sorts of evils in the world we must not lose our hope. We must read the

words of God in the Bible with devotion; accept those and lead our life accourdingly.

The Bible is Holy Book

God is Holy. He is source of all holiness. The Bible is the Word of God. Every word in the Bible is the Word of God. The way God loves humankind generation to generation that is what is written in the Bible. We revere the

Holy Bible. As we revere father-mother and elders by following their commands. The same way, we too revere God by living life according to the words of the Bible.

Reading the Bible

Reading the Holy Bible means to pray. To pray means to dialogue with God. When we sit in front of the Bible, we must think that we are sitting in front of God. When we listen to the words of the Bible, we listen to the word of God. It is not enough just to memorize the words of the Bible or let others to listen to or keep in shelf or almery. Our responsibility is not over only doing so. The most important task is to live life according to the word of God after reading the Bible. Living life according to the word of God we express our love to God. Therefore, after reading the Bible we need to meditate on God's words silently. We need try to listen to the word of God. This way we can experience God's presence in our life and can know His will.



Father is teaching how to read The Bible

What we learnt:

The Bible is composed with many books. The Bible is our Holy book. The Bible contains the words of God and our saving history. We reverence and devotion, we need to read the Bible in front of God.

Planned Work:

1. Draw a lighted candle and a cross beside a Bible.
2. Sing the song: Bible, Bible, Holy this Bible.....

Exercise

1. Fill in the gaps:

- a) The word comes from _____ language.
- b) The Bible is like a _____ .
- c) The main religious book for Christianity is _____ .
- d) Every written word of the Bible is _____ .
- e) The Bible is _____ history.

2. Match the left hand side part with the right as to make sensible sentences

a) The main religious book of Christians is	a) on skin
b) The Bible is like	b) the Bible
c) The first Bible was written	c) in the presence of God
d) Live life according to the	d) a library
	e) much important

3. Put a tick mark (✓) beside the number of the correct answer:

3.1 What kind of religious book is the Bible?

3.2 Where the books used to be written in the past?

3.3 How God has spoken to us?

- (a) Through different persons (b) Through Government
(c) Through angels (d) Through President

3.4 Whose desire man can know by reading the Bible?

3.5 How the Bible can be read?

- (a) With impurity (b) With devotion
(c) With simple way (d) With greatness

4. Give the answer of the following questions in brief:

- a) What is the Bible?
 - b) What is written in the Bible?
 - c) How the Bible need to be read?
 - d) What does it mean to pray?

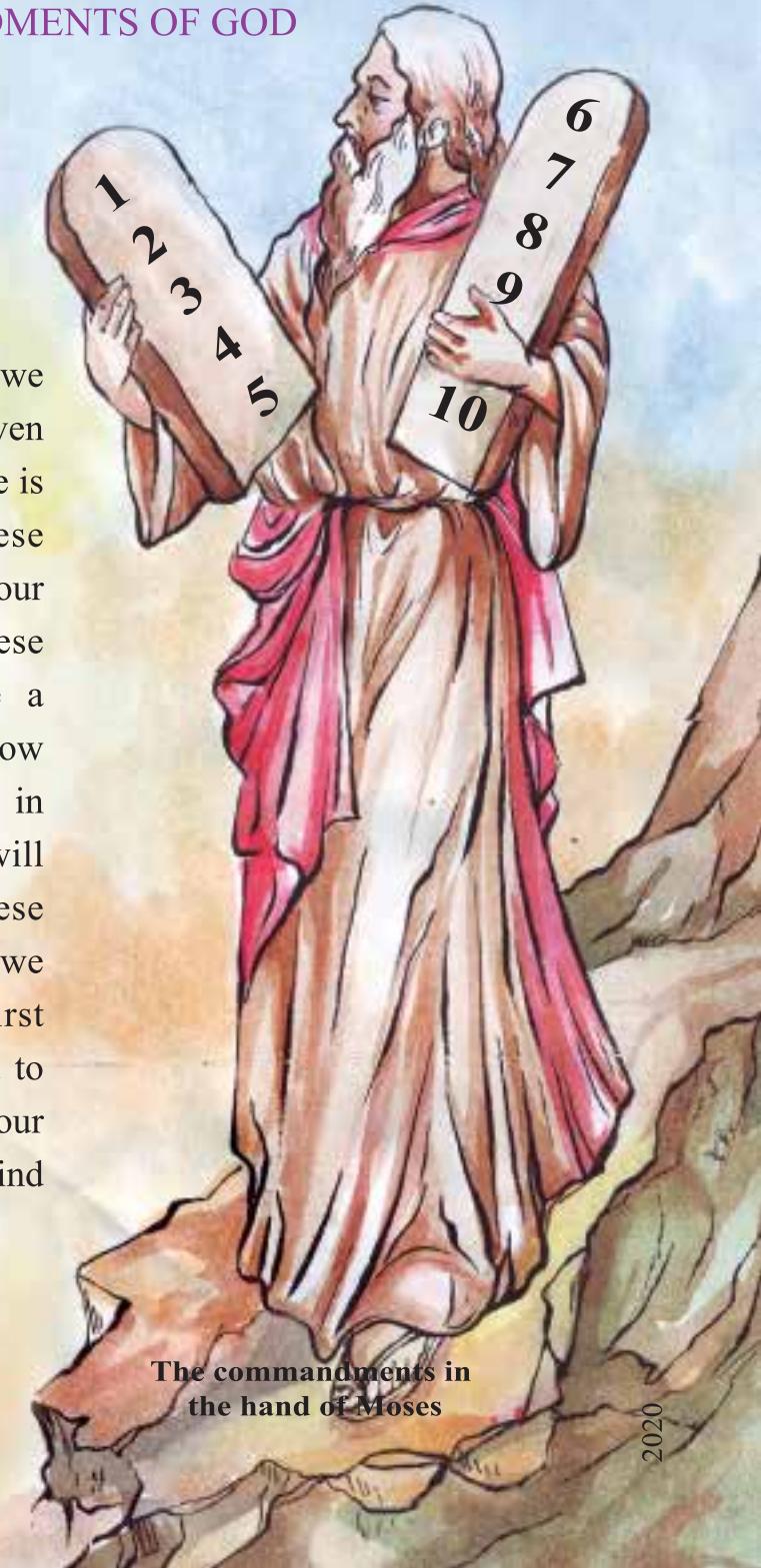
5. Give the answer of the following questions:

- a) What is Bible?
 - b) The Bible is the Word of God, how do you know?
 - c) What is the importance of the Bible as The Holy book?

CHAPTER SIX

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF GOD

God loves us. He wants us that we really live a happy life. He has given us Ten Commandments. His desire is that we abide by these commandments. We can express our love to God by abiding these commandments. Thus, we live a happy life. We have come to know about God's Ten Commandments in our previous class. Now we will know the meaning of these commandments gradually. First we know the meaning of First Commandment of God. God said to us through Moses, "You love your Lord with all your heart, your mind and your spirit".



The commandments in
the hand of Moses

Ten Commandments of God

1. You shall worship and serve only your Lord, God.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Observe the Sabbath (Sunday) day and keep it holy.
4. Honour your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall bear false witness
9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife or husband.
10. You shall not desire your neighbour's belongings.

First Commandment : You shall worship and serve only your Lord, God.

The Meaning of First Commandment: Lord, God has given us this commandment, thus we may trust in Him fully. We may confess that He was, is present now and will be. He never gets changed. He is always faithful and just. In Him, there is not wickedness. Thus, He wants us that we welcome His words. We may trust in Him fully. So, we must always confess that He is the Lord, Almighty, Kind and Benevolence. We can trust in Him. We can love Him

The meaning of worshiping God is to adore or worship Him. During the adoration or worshipping God, we confess that He is Creator, Care Giver and Preserver. We too confess that He is Forgiving, Love, and Lord of the all things and Owner. We express our reverence to Him through adoration.

We offer ourselves totally to God. We confess that He is the fountain all things. Everything exists through Him. We express our praise and sing songs to Him through adoration. We remember the wonders of God with thankfulness and gratitude. Like Mother Mary, we become humble. We confess that we are not holy like God. Thus, we acknowledge His holiness and pray for grace from Him. Through worshipping God we can free ourselves from all sins. We become more responsible and obedient to Him.

How we can adore or worship God

1. Through our reverence and devotion to God.
2. By praying to God.
3. By praising God.
4. By keeping our promises and vows to God.
5. By carrying out religious and social duties.
6. By loving God and man.
7. By serving the poor.
8. By obeying the will of God and being obedient to him

Swapna and Somorpon are brother and sister. One is 10 years old and another one is 7 years old. Both of them have deep devotion and love towards God. They pray daily with their mother in the evening. They listen to their mother as she reads the Bible. They do not omit praying even though there are attractive programmes in Television. They go for Sunday Mass even though there would be games at school on Sunday. They give alms as they see poor people on the road. They do not demand expensive cloths during feast. They live in good relationship with others. They always try live according to the word of God. They trust in God during dangers and problems.

What we learnt:

God loves us. He wants us that we become happy persons. Thus, He has given us Ten Commandments. He wants us that we may obey those Commandments. We may always worship him.

Planned Work:

1. How do you worship God? Make a list of it.
2. Write down the First Commandment in paper and then design with flower leaves around it. Then keep it in a place by decorating.

Exercise

1. Fill in the gaps:

- a) God has given us _____ Commandments.
- b) We offer ourselves _____ through adoration.
- c) God is always faithful and _____ .

2. Match the left hand side part with the right as to make sensible sentences

a) God is Almighty	a) us to become happy
b) He wants	b) can trust
c) In God we	c) and Kind
	d) we may live just life

3. Give the answer of the following questions in brief:

- a) How can we express our love to God ?
- b) What God has commanded us to do in the First Commandment ?
- c) What does it mean to worship God ?

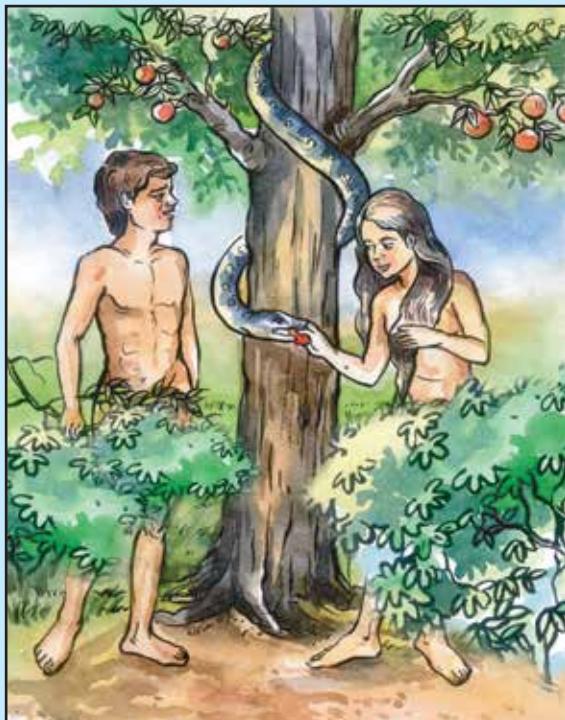
4. Give the answer of the following questions:

- a) Interpret the First Commandment.
- b) How can we adore God?

CHAPTER SEVEN

SIN

God has created us thus we may become happy man. When there is peace in our heart then only can become happy man. Whoever tries to become holy like God, their relationship with God remains good. When relationship with God remains good then we feel happy in our heart. God knows that we are weak as man. Thus, we cannot always live according to the will of God. That means we commit sin. Since we commit sin, so, we cannot become fully holy. In this chapter, we will know how we commit sin against God and kinds of sins. We shall also know the consequence of sin and how can we live without committing sin.



In the Eden Garden Satan is giving fruit to Eve

Knowing His commandments, when we do not obey those, then we commit sin. Therefore, we can say, "knowingly and with freedom, not obeying the commandments of God is sin." Often, we disobey His commandments in our thoughts, speech and actions.

What is sin?

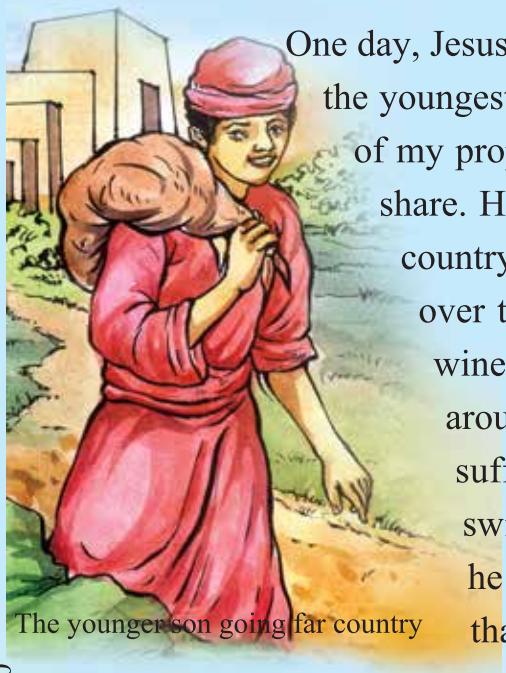
Our Mother- Father commands us to do various things or advises us walk through right path. They love us and want of our good. When we obey their commands they become happy. If we do not obey their commands they become sad. God is our Father. We are His children. The commandments which God has given to us, we know them.

Kinds of Sin

There are two kinds of sin: Original sin and Actual sin.

1. Original Sin: Adam and Eve, the first parents of us were living happily in Eden garden. God forbidden them not to eat the fruit of a special tree. But they disobeyed God and hearing the word of Satan they ate fruit of that tree. This way they disobeyed God. Disobedience is their first sin. Their sin is called the original sin. Since their sin, all men are born with the mark of original in their souls. We do not commit this sin either knowingly or with free will. The mark of original from our souls is cleansed through the Sacrament of Baptism.
2. Actual Sin: Using our free will and knowingly, the sin we commit is called actual sin. For an example, we know that it is stated in the 7th commandment, you shall not steal. Knowing that if we steal someone's thing, then we commit sin. Because knowingly and with free will, we commit that it. Through penitence and the Sacrament of Confession, we get forgiveness of this sin.

Moral Teaching of the story of Lost Son and Forgiving Father



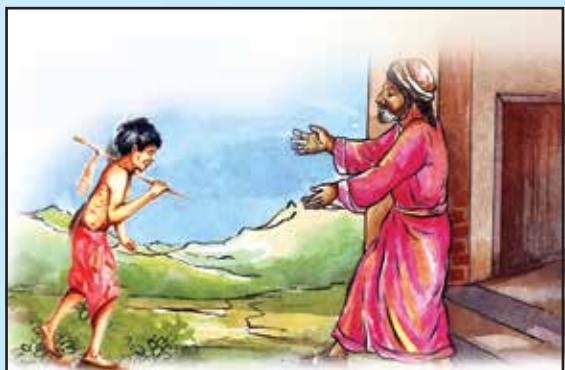
The younger son going far country

One day, Jesus told a story. A man has two sons. One day, the youngest son told his father, "Father, give my share of my property that falls to me". Father gave him his share. He sold of that share and went away to a far country with money. He began living a bad life over there. He wasted all his money by drinking wine and merry making. Then severe famine arose in that country. He began starving and suffering. He got a job in a house to feed swine in order to meet his hunger. There also, he could not eat. He would have gladly fed on that pods the swine ate.

Then he recalled his father's love. In his father's home many people have enough to eat. Whereas, here he is dying in hunger! Then he decided that he would go back to his father. Back home, he will ask pardon from his father. He it did as he thought of.



Eating what the swine eating



Younger son coming back to his father

He came back to his father. Father forgave him. Getting him back well, father became very happy and embraced him. Put on him the best cloth. Put a ring on his hand. Killed the fatted calf and arranged a huge banquet. Finding back the lost son, all began merry making at home.

Moral Teaching

Moral Actions	Immoral Actions
Obedience	Disobedience
Preserve Wealth	Waste Wealth
Live honest and holy life	Live bad life
Mix with good friends	Mix with bad friends

Consequence of Sin

1. Relationship between God and man is disturbed;
2. We face trouble in our life;
3. Trouble begins in society,

4. We cannot receive God's grace;
5. We deserve to go to hell;
6. We lose the opportunity eternally to live a happy life.

Ways to overcome sin

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| 1. Become aware of sin. | 6. Understand the will God and abide by it. |
| 2. Do penitence for sin. | 7. Promise not to commit sin. |
| 3. Ask forgiveness for sin. | 8. Pray regularly. |
| 4. Go for the Sacrament of Confession. | 9. Try to keep holy the body, mind and spirit. |
| 5. Participate in the Holy communion. | |

What we learnt:

We have learned about sin, about original and actual sin. We have understood about the consequence of sin and how can we overcome sin. We have also become aware the way we can design our ethical life.

Planned Work:

1. Act the story of Lost Son in class.
2. Recite and memorize the following prayer:

Prayer: O' Lord Jesus, forgive my all sins. Grant me strength not to commit sin. Grant me your grace. I may be able to live a holy life. Amen.

Exercise

1. Fill in the gaps :

- a) We make sad _____ by committing sin.
- b) We obtain forgiveness through penance and the sacrament of _____ .
- c) We deserve to go to _____ .

2. Match the left hand side part with the right as to make sensible sentences :

a) because of sin	a) forgives man
b) The ways to overcome sin	b) The Original sin is absolved
c) Even though man commits sin again and again but God	c) We face unrest in our life
d) Through the Sacrament of Baptism	d) by being aware of it
	e) giving alms regularly

3. Put a tick mark (✓) beside the number of the correct answer:

- 3.1 Willingly and knowingly, the sin we committed is called
 (a) Original Sin (b) First Sin (c) Actual Sin (d) Unforgiveable Sin
- 3.2 What is the ethical teaching of the Lost Son and forgiving father?
 (a) Show kindness (b) Forgive (c) Serve (d) Behave well.
- 3.3 What is consequence of sin?
 (a) Unrest (b) Progress (c) God's grace (d) Love of man

4. Give the answer of the following questions in brief:

- a) What is sin?
- b) What are kinds of sins and what are those?
- c) What is original sin?

5. Give the answer of the following questions:

- a) Write down the five consequence of sin.
- b) Write the five ways to overcome sin.
- c) Describe the ethical and unethical teachings of the Lost Son and Forgiving Father.

CHAPTER EIGHT

THE BIRTH OF SAVIOUR

All men became affected by original sin of our first parents. Jesus Christ saved man. Thus, He is our Saviour. He is the Saviour of humankind. We call the birth day of Saviour Jesus "Chritynas." We all together make merry on Borodin. Few special events occurred during His birthday. People from different walks came to worship and honour Him. Where we can find the Saviour, how can we honour Him, now we shall learn about it.



The Birth of Jesus the Redeemer

God's Promise for sending the Saviour

Our first parents committed sin by disobeying God. All men became affected because of their sin. Unrest befell on their life. They were driven away from heaven and came to earth. The gate of heaven gets closed for them to go to heaven. But compassionate and forgiving Father loves men. He becomes merciful to them. God

did not destroy them completely. He neither wanted to keep them in pains. He wanted to grant man back the heavenly happiness. He planned that He would send a Saviour for humankind. God said to Satan, "Among all animals you will be the most cursed one." You will move upon your belly and live on dust. I will enmity between you and Eve. Enmity will remain between your descent and Eve descent. He will bruise your head. You will bruise his heel.

This is the promise of God for the salvation of humankind. According to the plan of the God and promise, the Saviour, Jesus was born in Eve's stock. He destroyed the power of Satan through His birth. That means He saved humankind from sin.

Aims of the coming of Saviour

1. To save humankind from sin.
2. To reveal God's love mercy and love to man.
3. To teach man how to love.
4. To bring reconciliation among men.
5. Establish communion between God and man.

The Birth of Jesus

There was a virgin at Nazareth. Her name was Mary. One day, the angel Gabriel came to her. He gave to her good news. He said, "You would become the mother of Saviour." But she was greatly troubled at the saying. She Said, "I am a virgin. How it is possible!" Then angel said, "For God, everything is possible". Then Mary accepted the will of God. She said, "I am the handmaid of God. Let His will be done in me." Thus, the process of becoming mother begins. The birth of Jesus has been nearing. At that time, Caeser, the emperor of Rome ordered to make a census. All were ordered to go back their own cities and enroll their names.

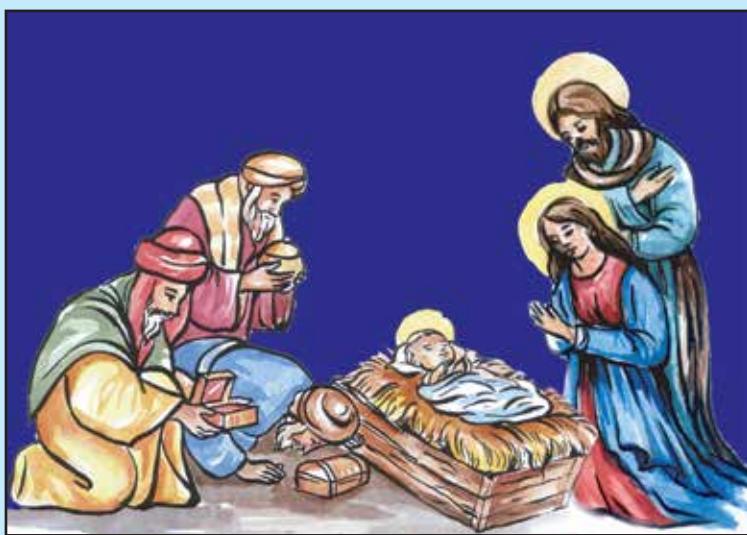


Angel Gabriel gives Message to Mary

The husband of Mary, Joseph came from the lineage of David. He went to Bethlehem to enroll his name. He took Mary with him. It became night to reach there. They began looking for a place to stay at night. Nowhere they couldn't find any place. Finally they took shelter in an inn. There were cows and sheep. That night was very cold. Jesus was born on that very cold night. Mary wrapped Him and laid Him in a manger. The Son of God was born in a very simple and ordinary way. Being King, He was born like a poor.

Devotion to Jesus the Saviour

Shepherds were warming them in the field on cold night. Middle of night, the angels appeared to them. Shepherds became fearful. But the angels gave them the news of the birth of Jesus. Shepherds went to see Jesus with haste. They paid homage to Jesus.



Three Magi offer gifts to Jesus

At that moment, a bright star appeared on the sky. Three wise men from the East saw this bright star on the sky. Seeing the star, the wise could understand that a new king was born on earth. They began journey in order to see Him. Following the star, they walked towards. They took precious gifts with them.

Finally, they reached to Bethlehem. The star came to rest over the place where the Jesus was born. They went inside and found the child lying on manger. They paid homage offering the gifts. We also want to look for Jesus. We want to show our devotion and love to Him. Our duties are in order to express our reverence to Jesus:

1. Abide by Jesus' words;
2. Live life according to His teaching;
3. Becoming holy;
4. Give alms to the poor and the needy;
5. Take care of the helpless.

What we learnt:

God promised to send a Saviour to this world. According to his plan, Saviour came to this world as a man. Hearing the news of birth of the Saviour from Angels, shepherds and three wise men came to express reverence and honour to Him.

Planned Work:

1. How do you show reverence to Jesus, write it.
2. Sing any song which you know of "Borodin".
3. Donate something to a poor child.

Exercise

1. Fill in the gaps :

- a) The news of the birth of Jesus was given to Mary by Angel ____ .
- b) Jesus was born in _____ city.
- c) After the birth of Jesus, gifts were given to Him _____ wise men.

2. Match the left hand side part with the right as to make sensible sentences :

(a) The plan of God for the salvation of man	(a) to bring Communion between God and man
(b) We can express our reverence to Jesus	(b) that He will send a Saviour
(c) The main aim of coming of the Saviour was	(c) establish peace
	(d) by becoming holy

3. Put a tick mark (✓) beside the number of the correct :

3.1 God promised to send one for salvation of man

- (a) Prophet (b) Saviour (c) Angel (d) King

3.2 Having news from the Angel Maria became

- (a) Happy (b) Fearful (c) Restless (d) Angry

3.3 The Angels gave first the news of birth of Jesus to

- (a) King Herod (b) Wise Men (c) Shepherds (d) Prophets

4. Give the answer of the following questions in brief :

- a) What is the name of Saviour?
- b) Why did Jesus come to this world?
- c) Which king ordered to make the census?

5. Give the answer of the following questions :

- a) Write down the aims of coming of the Saviour.
- b) How do you express reverence to Jesus?
- c) Write down the event Jesus' birth.

CHAPTER NINE

THE GIFTS AND FRUITES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The apostles were in fear after the ascension of Jesus to heaven. Because they thought like Jesus people will kill them. That's why they were hidden in a closed house. They were in prayers being united. In the meantime the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles. Now we shall learn about the incident of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The incident of the coming of the Holy Spirit

The feast of Pentecost came at hand. The apostles were then engaged in prayers. Suddenly a large sound was heard from the sky. The wind blew very strong. After that there appeared like the blaze of fire on the head of the apostles. Like this flame the Holy Spirit came upon them. Then the apostles got the power of the Holy Spirit. With that power they started to speak in various Languages. They started to proclaim the great work of the Lord.

Hearing the sound the people of various nations and languages gathered there. All gathered there understood the languages of the apostles in their own language. At this the people became surprised. Because how the apostles knew those languages that they did not know earlier. Many questions arose in the minds of the people how this change took place among the apostles.



The coming of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the apostles

"They were talking among themselves," what does this matter mean?" But the people did not understand anything.

On the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles all the fear of their mind left them. They became strong with power of the Holy Spirit. They began to preach the incident of Jesus' death and resurrection fearlessly. They understood all with the light of the Holy Spirit.

The gift of the Holy Spirit :

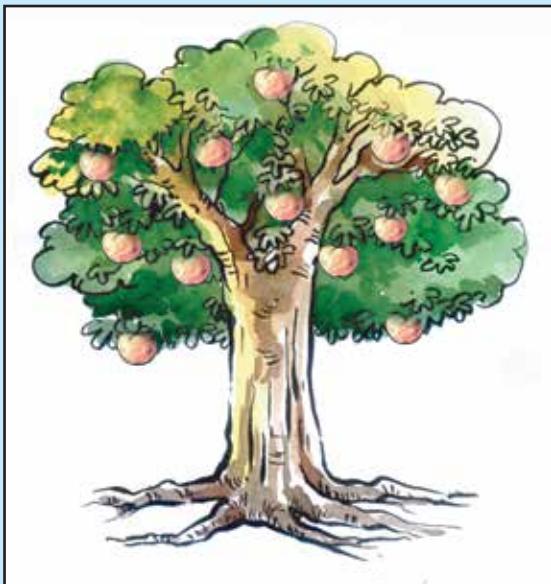
Holy Spirit comes down upon us during Baptism. He is always with us. He has helped the apostles giving them different virtues. Similarly, He comes upon us with various virtues. Giving the gifts He strengthens us. From the Holy Bible we hear about the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and their meaning :

1. Wisdom: to consider correctly.
2. Intelligence: To understand in depth any subject.
3. Conscience: To have power to understand good and bad.
4. Power of mind: To face with confidence and courage the challenge and the hardships of Christian life.
5. Knowledge: The willingness to know much about the new and unknown matter.
6. Religiosity: To love God very deeply.
7. Fear of God: To respect and adore God.



The Seven gifts of Holy Spirit



The fruit of the Holy Spirit

The gifts of the fruits of the Holy Spirit and their meaning :

1. Love : To expect good of others without asking anything.
2. Joy : To praise God for what is true and beautiful.
3. Peace : Good work, speech, thought, satisfaction, freedom and to feel secured.
4. Tolerance : To accept the easily subject matter.
5. Kindness: To express the feelings of heart with love.
6. Well-wishing: To understand the good power in everything.
7. Faithfulness: To keep faith.
8. Humility: To behave politely and humbly.
9. Self-control: The power to conquer evil.
10. Patience: Not to be despaired in anything.
11. Mildness: To behave calmly and quietly, politely and gently.
12. Sanctity: To have similarity between word and deed. To be honest in everything.

The ways and means to acquire the gifts of the Holy Spirit :

1. To pray to The Holy Spirit always.
2. To understand and lead a life according to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
3. To abide by the direction of the Holy Spirit.
4. To keep the mind open.
5. To keep faith.
6. To practice good virtues.

Song : Holy Spirit come to heart
Pour your light in heart
Remove the darkness.

What we learnt :

We, Understood well the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and their explanation. The twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit, also understood well. We also learnt the ways and means of receiving the Holy Spirit.

Planned Work:

1. Draw a flower of seven petals. Draw a small heart in the middle of the flower. Now write the name of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit on the seven petals (You are the flower and the heart is the Holy Spirit.)
2. Make a list the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Exercise

1. Fill in the gaps:
 - a) Conscience is to understand the power of the _____.
 - b) Sanctity is to have similarity in work and _____.
 - c) The means of receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit is to _____ to the Holy Spirit always.
 - d) The meaning of humility is to behave _____ and politely.
2. Put a tick mark (✓) beside the number of the correct answer:
 - 2.1 The three person of the Trinity of God is -----
 - a) Father b) Holy Spirit c) Heavenly angel d) Son.
 - 2.2 Receiving the Holy Spirit the apostles became very -----
 - a) Joyful b) Courageous c) Strong d) Scared

2.3 The meaning of joy is to take truth and God.

- a) Praise God
- b) To be honest
- c) To be very happy
- d) Not to be afraid

2.4 The meaning of fear is -----

- a) To fear God
- b) To love God
- c) To know God
- d) To respect God

3. Give the answer of the following questions in brief:

- a) Give the identity of the Holy Spirit.
- b) On which feast did the Holy Spirit come down?
- c) How many gifts of the Holy Spirit are there?
- d) How many gifts and fruits of the Holy spirit.

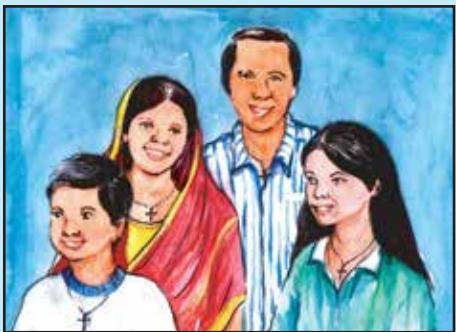
4. Give the answer of the following questions:

- a) Explain the meaning of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- b) Write down the names of the twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit.
- c) Write down the five ways of receiving the Holy Spirit.

CHAPTER TEN

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Taking all the Christian faithful of the whole world a Christian society has been founded. The name of the society is Christian Church. Jesus Himself laid the foundation of the Church. This is compared with human body or vine creepers. This is to be called a family too. We all are the member of this family through baptism.



Christian family

Christian Church is like a family

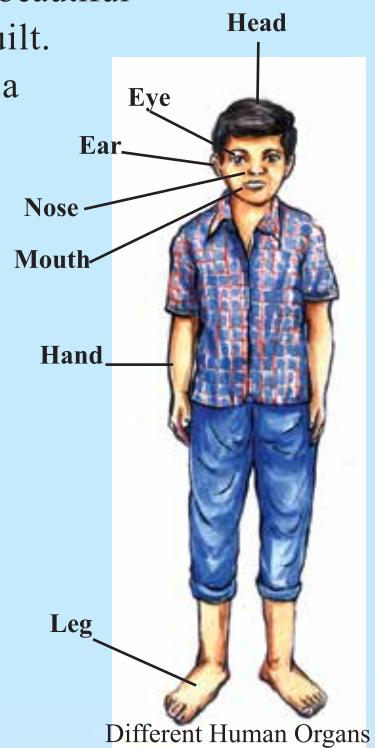
A family is consisted of the parents and the children. There is a master in the family. He has a loving relationship with the other. Due to this relationship all the other members of the family can play their role accordingly. This way a beautiful family is being built.

Christian Church is like a

family. The invisible head of this family is God the Father. We became the member of this family through baptism,. Jesus leads us take to the father.

Christian church is like a body and Jesus is the head of this body

Our body is one but its organs are many. In spite of the organs being different all together it is a body. As such Christian Church is also like a body. Through baptism we all became the organs of this body. Our body has eyes, face, nose, ears, hand, leg etc. The organs work of its own. As they do their own work, as a result the body remains strong and active.



The head plays the role of Christ

As the head plays a vital role in human body, similarly as the head of the Christian Church Jesus also plays a vital role. It is cited below.

The head of the human body	The head of the Christian Church
Our body works under the guidance of head	the Church works through the guidance of Jesus
Human body does not exist without head	Without Christ the Church does not live
Seeing danger our head sends signals	Up keeping and saving the Church Christ keeps the Church secure
Our head keeps unity among all the organs of our body	Christ brings unity among all His faithful'
The importance and dignity of all the organs of our body are equal	The importance and dignity of all the Christians to Christ is the same
We like to keep our own body neat and clean	Christ wants to keep every member of His Church holy

The duties and responsibilities of the other organs of the Church:

1. To remain one with Christ.
2. To lead a holy life.
3. To preach the good news.
4. To worship.
5. To serve the neighbors and do the work of mankind
6. To guide the Church.

One day a teacher asked the students to draw a rainbow in the class. The students drew the rainbow. Some of them drew the rainbow only with two colors. As this drawing was not done accordingly so their drawing did not look so beautiful. But those who drew the rainbow using seven colors their ones were excellent. Seeing their rainbows all got much joy and praised them. At this we can understand as the seven colours got mixed in the rainbow became more beautiful. The Church is participation by all also like that becomes beautiful and fulfilled.

What we learnt:

Jesus Christ is the head of the Christian Church. He guides the Church. The other organs of the Christian Church must fulfill their duties and responsibilities. However, one may play a kind of role or other we all are the one body.

Planned work :

1. Draw the picture of a rainbow.
2. What role you can play in the church, make a list of it.

EXERCISE

1. Fill in the gaps:
 - a) The society built with the Christians faithfuls is called _____.
 - b) To become the member of the Christian Church _____ is to be received.
 - c) _____ laid the foundation stone of the Church.

2. Match the left hand side part with the right as to make sensible sentences

a. In spite of the various parts of the body being different	a. takes care and saves
b. If the Christian faithful fulfills their responsibilities and duties accordingly	b. always holy
c. Christ keeps His body	c. altogether a same body
	d. the Church remains lively

3. Give a tick (\checkmark) mark beside the correct answer:

3.1 The head of the Church is -

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| a) Bishop | b) Pope |
| c) Jesus Christ | d) Priest |

3.2 The role of the head of the church is -

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| a) To express own qualities | b) To serve |
| c) To unite all | d) To worship |

3.3 Which one of the following is the responsibility of the Church?

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| a) To preach the word | b) To make the faithful holy |
| c) To tend the Church | d) To speed up the Church. |

4. Write the answer following questions in brief:

- a) What do you mean by Christian Church?
- b) Who has founded the Church?
- c) What has Church been compared with?
- d) Who is the leader of the Christian Church?

5. Answer the following questions:

- a. What is the role of the head of the Christian Church?
- b. What are the duties and responsibilities of the other parts of the Christian Church?
- c. Compare the human head with the head of the Christian Church?

CHAPTER ELEVEN

SACRAMENT

In the word sacrament is called a reformation or religious occasion. We have already known about the seven sacraments. The names of those are: (1)Baptism; (2) Confession; (3) Communion; (4) Confirmation; (5) The anointing of the sick; (6) Priesthood; and (7) Marriage. Now we shall know what is sacrament. After that we should know elaborately about Baptism.

What is Sacrament?

Sacrament is some outward sign or means through those the Holy Spirit pours God's grace in our heart. We can say grace as the life of God. Pouring rains from the sky, juice is created in the soil and increases the fertility. As such God's grace also wets and makes our life fertile.

We can't see God with our visible eyes. We don't see His grace with our physical eyes of faith we can see God and His grace. Though some external signs are used in the sacraments, the Holy spirit gives us grace in our heart. Some such signs are; The Holy Bible, Humane word, Holy water, candle fire, Sign of the cross, Bread, Wine, ring etc.,...

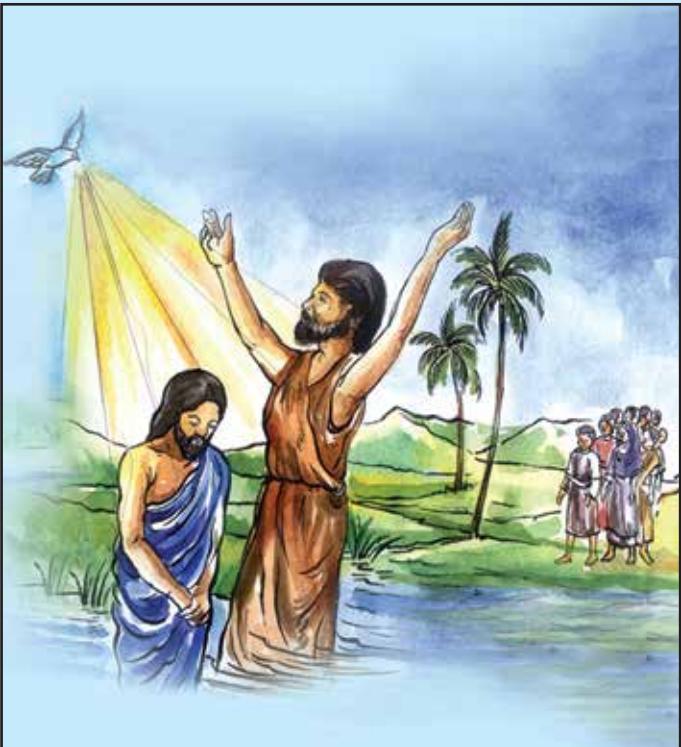
Baptism and its usefulness :

Baptism is a significant sacrament of the Church. This is called the entrance door of the church, because this is to be received, before the other sacraments. In Catholic Church and Anglican Church the children and the adults both are given baptism. In Protestant Church only the adults are

given baptism. Baptism is also called dipping into water. Baptism is called religious ritual in the Protestant Church.

Jesus Christ Himself instructed His apostles to give baptism. He told them to go to the people of all the nations of the world. He told them to preach the good news to them. He told them to Baptize those who believe in the Gospel. Jesus the Son of God was born as man. He died and resurrected for us. He has founded a new society.

This we call the Christian Church. This is a big family. God is the head of the family of Jesus Christ is the first child this family. He opened up the path for us to enter the God's family. Baptism a Christian receives the sign of Holy Spirit in His heart. As the seal is given on paper as such our heart is sealed as well. This seal can never be erased. He becomes Christian all along his life.



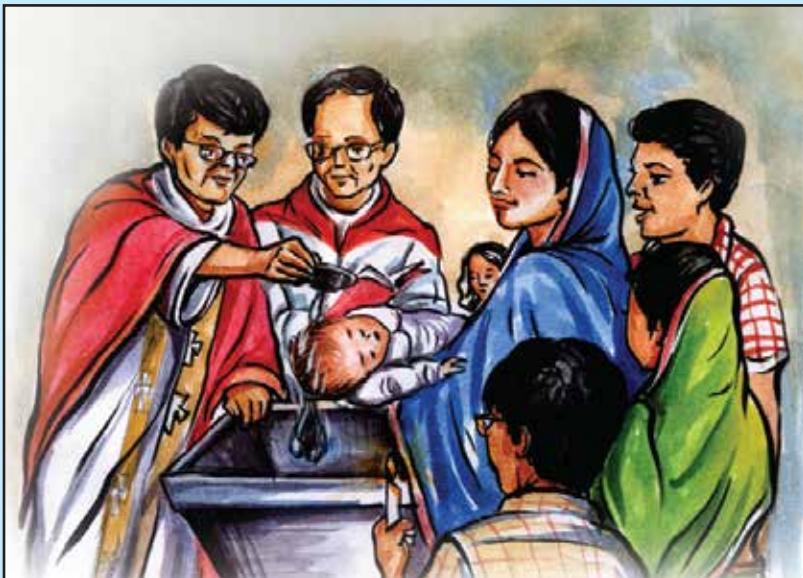
The Baptism of Jesus

The Baptism Ceremony

a) The Baptism in the Catholic Church.

The father-mother and the God father and mother are present in this ceremony. The priest draws a sign of cross on the forehead of the child. The parents and the God parents of the child on behalf of him/her denounce the Satan. Then, confess the Christian faith. After that pouring water on the

child, the priest says, "the name of the baptismal candidate ----. In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit I am baptizing you." After that the holy oil is massaged on the forehead of the child. The parents and the God parents take in hand the burning candle. They promise to keep the faith in the heart of the child burning. Coming to age he himself promises to denounce the Satan to keep our faith burning.



The baptism ceremony of the child

b. The Baptism in the Protestant Church

The children are not given baptism but they are brought to Church and offered to God. The children becoming grown up express their willingness to be baptized. Then they are given baptism. Along with the parents the God parents remain present during baptism. Those who seek baptism are dipped into the pond or river and given baptism. During the time of baptism the pastor says" "The name of the baptism seeker ----I baptize you in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit." After that the baptized person becomes a member of the Christian Church.

What we learnt:

What is sacrament, how many and what are they. How we become members of the Christian Church through baptism. We came to know about the rules of baptism in different church.

Planned Work :

Prepare a list of the materials used in sacrament.

EXERCISE**1. Fill in the gaps:**

- a) Sacrament in other church is called ritual or _____ .
- b) Sacraments are some external _____ or means.
- c) In a word baptism is called a _____ of entrance to the church.
- d) Receiving baptism we achieve _____ .

2. Match the left hand side with the right as to make sensible sentences:

a. God's grace is	a. we enter into God's family
b. With the God's grace we	b. we get life from death
c. After the baptism through Jesus	c. God's miraculous gifts
	d. can become good man

3. Write the answers of the following questions briefly:

- a) How can we see God's grace?
- b) Whose sign does a Christian bear through baptism?
- c) What does God's family mean?

4. Answer the following questions:

- a) What is sacrament? How many sacraments are there? What are they?
- b) Explain the necessity of sacraments.
- c) Write how the baptism ceremony is performed.



CHAPTER TWELVE

NOAH

This is all about eleven century after the creation of man. Then The Godfearing Noah Lived on the Earth. We know about him from the book of Genesis in the Bible. His father's name was Lamarck and his grandfather's name was Methuselah. At that time all people were going about in the evil ways, but, Noah and the people of his family were leading their lives, being obedient to God, Noah was a good man in the eyes of God. He had deep faith, obedience, piety and love for God.

God asked all the people to come back to good path through Noah. But the people did not listen to him. Noah being God loving was saved, but the others were destroyed.

The misleading people

During the time of Noah, the earth was filled with the sinners. People cheated, hated and fought with each other. They did not pay heed to the word of God. At this God was greatly saddened. He said to Noah, "I have decided, I will destroy all the people from the face of the earth. Along with them I will destroy all the creatures."

The Ark of Noah

God said to Noah, you make a big ark. After that polish its inside and outside, with bitumen. According to the wish of God Noah built a big ark. And that was three hundred hand long, five hundred hands wide and thirty feet high. The ark had three floors and only one door.

God said to Noah. He will send a flood. At this all the creatures and animals will be destroyed. Only Noah and his family will be saved. Thus God said to Noah, so that he may enter into the ark with all the members of his family. He takes along with them a pair of birds, animals and reptiles. God said to Noah to collect food and other necessary for him and all the creatures. According to the instruction of God Noah and his family, creatures and birds got on board of ark.

The great tidal upsurge and the destruction of the unfaithful

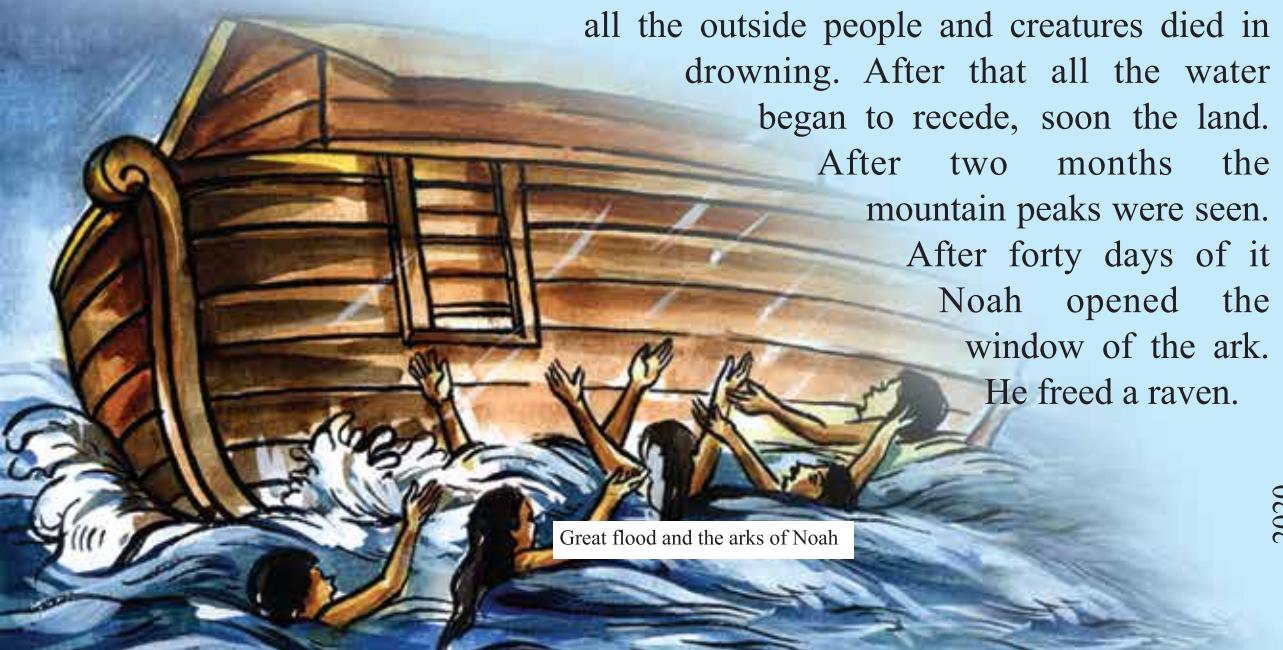
According to the instruction of God Noah got on board of the ark. After seven days the rain started. The rain continued till forty days and forty nights. Floods occurred with the rain water. All the houses, lands went under water. The ark was floating in the flood water. For hundred fifty days there remained flood water all around. His family and the creatures survived. But

all the outside people and creatures died in drowning. After that all the water began to recede, soon the land.

After two months the mountain peaks were seen.

After forty days of it Noah opened the window of the ark.

He freed a raven.



But having failed to sit anywhere it came back. Then he also free a pigeon having no dry land to sit on it also came back. After seven days he again frees that pigeon. It returned at dusk. A green tender leaf of the olive tree was seen in the beak of the pigeon. Noah understood water receded from the land. Again after seven days he freed that pigeon. This time it did not return, This time Noah understood that the water has receded.

The Covenant of God with Mankind

After the end of the flood Noah and all his family members got down from the ark. As God saved them all so, they built an altar for worshiping God. They thanked God through the presentation of gifts to the altar.

God felt sad for the death of so many people in the great flood. He assured them He would never destroy people again with great flood. As the sign of it He made a rainbow in the sky. It was the sign of the covenant of God with man.

What we learnt :

Noah had obedience, piety and love to God. Because of this he became God's loved ones. God saved him and his family from the hand of death. But the other misled people were destroyed.

Planned Work : Draw the ark of Noah.

EXERCISE

1. Fill in the gaps:

- a. Noah was a _____ man in the eyes of God.
- b. Noah had _____ love for God.
- c. The ark was _____ floored.
- d. For the death of so many people in the great flood God expressed his _____.
- e. The sign of God's covenant with mankind is _____

2. Match the left hand part with the right hand as to make sensible sentence:

a. Noah had to God	a. Noah got on board of the ark.
b. According to the direction of God	b. was destroyed
c. There was seen in the beak of the Pigeon	c. obedience, piety and love
d. All the misled people	d. a rainbow
e. He made in the sky	e. a tender leaf of the olive tree
	f. gave flood.

3. Give the answer of the following questions briefly:

- a. What did God ask Noah to build?
- b. How many days did it rain?
- c. What did Noah free after the flood?
- d. Why did Noah build an altar for worship?

4. Give the answer of the following questions:

- a. What kind of man was Noah? What did God ask him to do?
- b. Give the description of the great flood.
- c. Give the description of the ark of Noah.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

MOTHER TERESA THE MODEL SERVICE

Jesus Christ came to serve not to be served. Jesus showed the model of service washing the feet of His apostles during the last supper. He said, "I have given you a new model love one another. He taught us so that we serve the poor-distressed, needy and the neglected. We can serve God by serving them." We can express our love for Him. This is why from age to age many people dedicate their lives to serve the poor, afflicted and the neglected. Because of this Mother Teresa was a noble woman. In front of the people she is an example of the model of service.



Mother Teresa

Mother Teresa's Birth and Childhood

Mother Teresa was born on 26 August, 1910. She was born at Scopia in Yugoslavia (in present Macedonia). Her father's name was Nicola Boiaggio and mother's name was Dranaphile Boiaggio. His father's real home was in Albania and mother's was in Kosovo. Nicola and Dranaphile family had three children. Mother Teresa was third and the youngest. In childhood Mother Teresa's name was Agnes GonzaBoiaggio. Her body color was purple. As a result her elder brothers named her Gonza. The word Gonza means the petal of flowers

In childhood hearing the speech of the work of kindness, Mother Teresa was moved. After that Agnes became interested in the service of the Church. She started to study more about it. She spent much time in prayers and religious songs.

Vowed Life

In youth a great desire to engage her whole life in the work of God arose. She went to a priest and told him about the word of her mind. That priest helped her to take the decision of life. After that she joined Novitiate the Loreto Sisters congregation at the age of 18. She loved St. Teresa of little flowers very much. That's why she took the name Teresa after completing her Novitiate. After completing her Novitiate Teresa came to India as a nun. Sister Teresa got the responsibility of teaching in St. Mary's School of Calcutta. She taught geography and Christian religion there. Seeing the poor and the afflicted then she was very much hurt. She started to think to dedicate herself fully for their service. She received final professioning on 24 May, 1937. After that on the way to Darjeeling she heard a mixed call of God. God asked her to dedicate her life for the service of the poorest of the poor. Taking the permission from the Pope she left the Loreto Convent. After that she was absorbed in serving the poor people lying uncared in the streets of Calcutta. Since this time she is known as the guardian angel to the sick and dying people in the city streets of Calcutta. She started wearing the white sari with blue piping.

The Congregation of the Missionaries of Charity

Mother Teresa opened a school in the slum area of Calcutta for the poor children. She educated them cleanliness side by side with school study. After a long thinking she decided to open a Congregation for the service of the poor and distressed. For this reason she asked the permission from the Pope. Having permission from the Pope she founded the Congregation of the Missionaries of Charity in 1950. After that she opened a service center

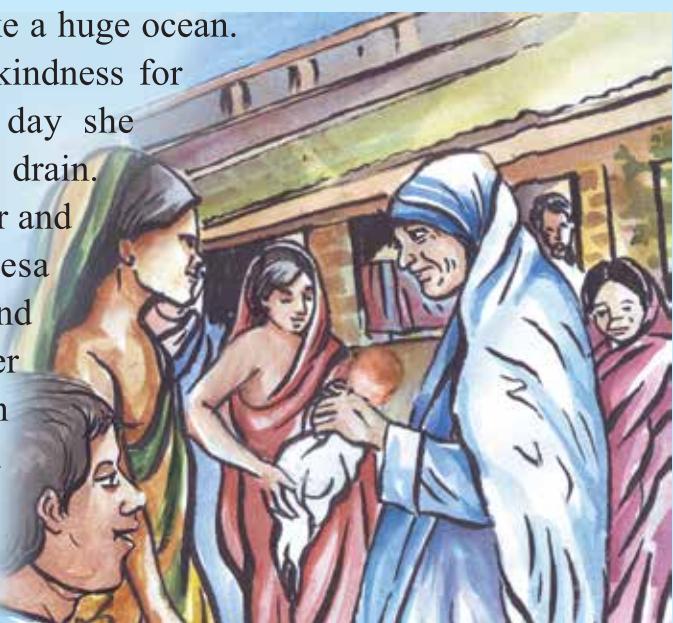
called 'Pure Heart'. She gave shelter to the shelter less and the dying patients here. She took care of them with her own hand. Very soon the fame of her work spread far and wide, and she started to open new centers. The number of the members of the Congregation began to increase further. She opened the first home in Bangladesh in 1972. At present there are 11 service centers in this country. In her centers blind, crippled, old, Lepers and dying patients are treated. In every step of her work many obstacles used to come. But no obstacles could stop her work.

Mother Teresa in the Service of the Neglected

The heart of Mother Teresa was like a huge ocean. She was filled with the love and kindness for the helpless and the poor. One day she picked a dying man from beside a drain.

His whole body was filled with scar and full of bad smell. Mother Teresa washed his scars with hot water and cleaned them, nursed him with her own hand. Seeing that the man said, "Till date I lived on the road like a dog. Getting your service and love now I am going to die as an angel." Whenever Mother Teresa heard about a man who had no one to care for then and there

she went running to him. She nursed all with her own hand irrespective of lepers and tuberculosis patients, orphan children, dumb, deaf and the crippled. She took them on chest with deep love. She used to see the face of God in the neglected people.



Mother Teresa in the Service of the Neglected

Mother Teresa was rewarded with awards

The people of all classes were happy with her work. She was rewarded with different awards. Among them the most prestigious one is the' Nobel Peace prize' she was rewarded with the award on 18 Oct, 1979. The money she received from the award was totally donated by her to her service centers.

The death of Mother Teresa

Mother Teresa died of cardiac arrest on 5 September, 1997 at the age of 87. She was buried in Calcutta. At this time the great world leaders along with thousands of people were present there. Her tomb has become a place of pilgrimage at present.

Blessed Mother Teresa

There are quite a number of brothers and priests members in her congregation. There are more than five thousand members in 137 countries in the world. Mother Teresa was declared blessed on 09 October, 2003.b It is expected that very soon she would be declared a saint in the Church. She would remain as the inspiration for love, kindness and service in the heart of all.

What we learnt

Mother Teresa dedicated her life for the love of Jesus. She founded the Missionaries of Charity for the service of man. She has been rewarded with many awards.

Planned work

1. Make a list of what sort of works the Sisters of Mother Teresa's Congregation perform.
2. Write how you can take part in human service.

EXERCISE

1. Fill in the gaps

- a. The name of Mother Teresa's father is _____ .
- b. The childhood name of Mother Teresa was _____ .
- c. Jesus Christ came to _____ .

2. Give a tick (✓) mark beside the correct answer.

2.1 How old was Mother Teresa when she joined the Congregation of the Loreto Sisters?

- a. 16 years b. 18 years c. 22 years d. 25 years.

2.2 Where was Mother Teresa born?

- a. England b. Yugoslavia c. Calcutta d. Rumania

2.3 Which one of the following is the most prestigious award of Mother Teresa?

- a. Nobel b. President c. Bharat Ratna d. Independence

2.4 For whom did Mother Teresa open a Home named 'Pure in Heart'?

- a. Lepers b. Dying c. Orphan children d. Deaf children

3. Answer the following questions in brief:

- a. What did God order Mother Teresa?
- b. Which congregation is opened for the service of the poor and distressed?
- c. What does the word 'Gonza' mean?
- d. Which Charity is opened for the poor and distressed ?

4. Answer the following questions:

- a. Write about the birth and childhood of Mother Teresa.
- b. How did Mother Teresa get the call to do the work of service?
- c. What are the services works done by Mother Teresa?

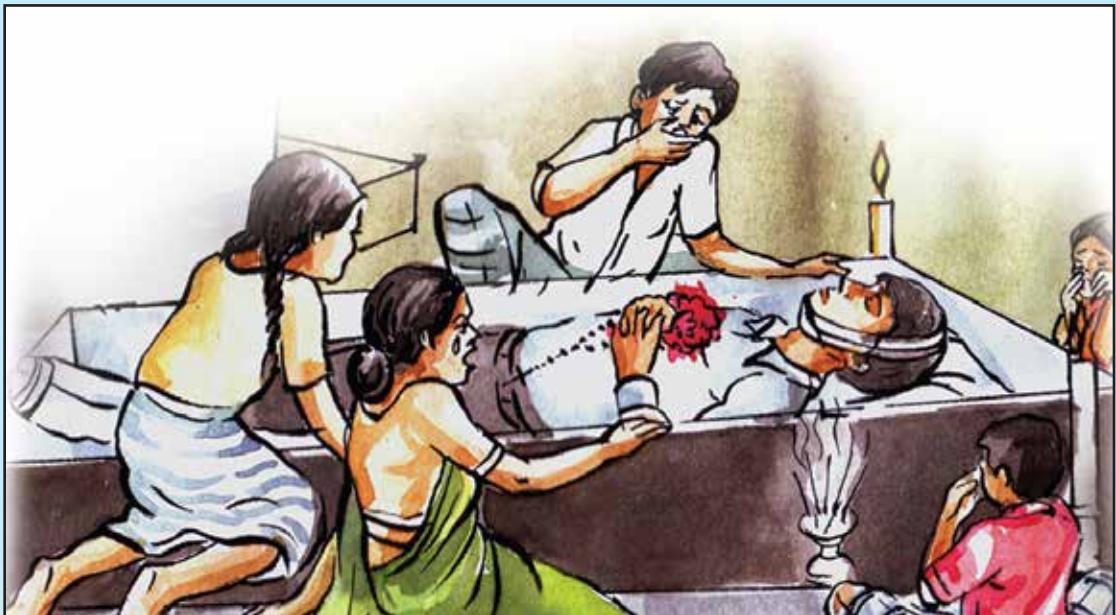
CHAPTER FORTEEN

DEATH AND RESURRECTION

We are still mere children. Yet we shall discuss about death. Because if we are born, we have to die as well one day. This is the given rule of God. One day we will be called to return to God. No one of us is born of own will. None of us will also die of own will. We have to keep in mind that death is not the end, after that there is resurrection. We get the opportunity to go to the Father through death. We will be able to live with Him happily there forever.

The cause of death's coming to earth

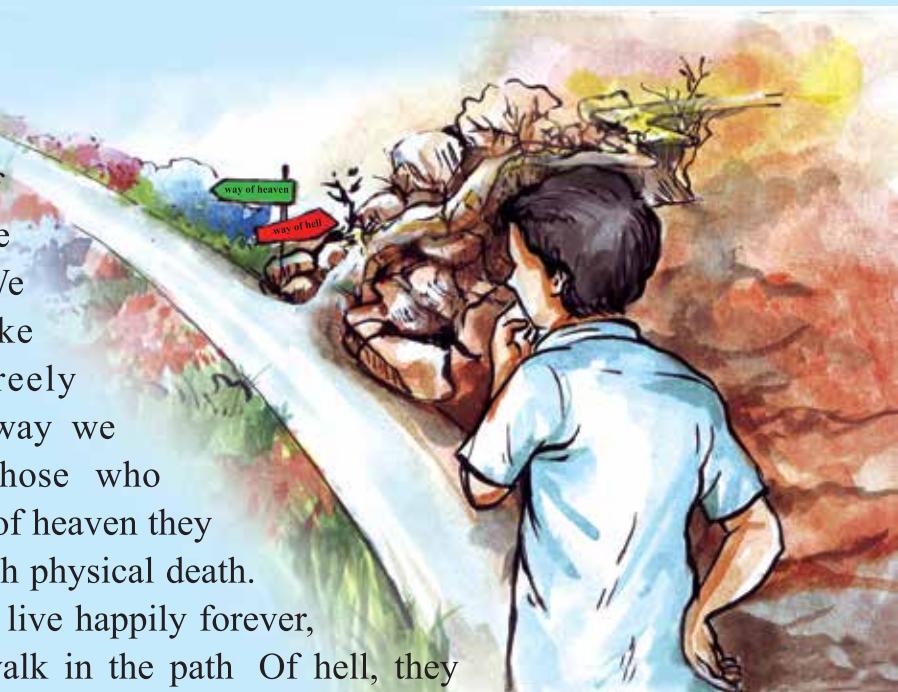
When God created man then there was no death. Our fore parents lived in heaven. But as they sinned they had to come back to earth from heaven. Here they had to go about working hard. Death came to earth for the sins of our fore parents. That's why to go to heaven we must have to embrace the physical death.



Death is not the end of life

TWO WAYS

There are two ways in front of man. One is of heaven and the other is of hell. We have to take decision freely through which way we shall tread. Those who walk in the path of heaven they go to God through physical death. Going there they live happily forever, but those who walk in the path of hell, they enter the hell through physical death. Going there they live in great agony forever.



HUMAN RESURRECTION

Sumon loved his grandfather very much. He died of old age. Sumon is greatly hurt losing his grandfather. In no way he can forget his grandfather. One day he went to Church along with the other members of his family. During the time of worship he listened to the word of God from the Bible. 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who keeps faith on me, will live even after death. And the living one who believes in me, he will never die.' Next to it there was a song.

The words of the song are :

The one who believes will remain living always.
He is the way, the truth, and the life eternal.

After that one day in his class he heard much about the resurrection from his class teacher. He knew that we all will die one day. But we all will

resurrect. After that will be the last judgment. It will be decided then who will go to heaven and who go to hell. That's why we all have to lead a decent life.

Decent Life

The meaning of decent life is; we have to give importance in building our character. Because a characterless man's having many decent qualities it does not come to any use. Abraham has said, "Human character is like a tree and fame is like its shadow." As there is no shadow with tree so there is no fame without character. As a result our aim should be to form good character. We must build a decent life to go to heaven after death. The meaning of building decent life is:

- 1) To keep faith on God.
- 2) To lead life according to the word of God.
- 3) To pray everyday.
- 4) To perform our duties and responsibilities.
- 5) To forgive and receive forgiveness.
- 6) To keep the heart pure.
- 7) To serve the poor, needy and the distressed.

What we learnt

One day we all have to die. But we all will resurrect. We have to lead decent life on this earth.

Planned work : Prepare a list how a decent life can be led.

EXERCISE

1. Fill in the gaps:

- a. After death there is _____.
- b. It is I, I am the _____ and life.
- c. Through death man goes to _____.
- d. We all will have to lead a _____ life.

2. Match the left hand parts with the right hand as to make the sensible sentences:

a. Being born if we come to earth	a. heaven and hell
b. No one of us win the earth with our own will	b. born of our own will
c. There are two ways in front of men	c. one day will have to die
d. If faith is kept in God	d. will be able to build a decent life
	e. To keep confidence

3. Write the answers of the following questions in brief:

- a. How shall we live if we go to God the Father?
- b. When our fore parents were put out of heaven?
- c. How many ways are there in front of man?
- d. Whom shall we go back through death?

4. Answer the following questions:

- a. Write the means of leading a decent life.
- b. How did death come to earth?

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

THE CREED

God is found through faith. We have to abide by what we believe. We know about creed of apostles. Now we will try to know the meaning of the creed of the apostles and how we can walk in the path of faith.

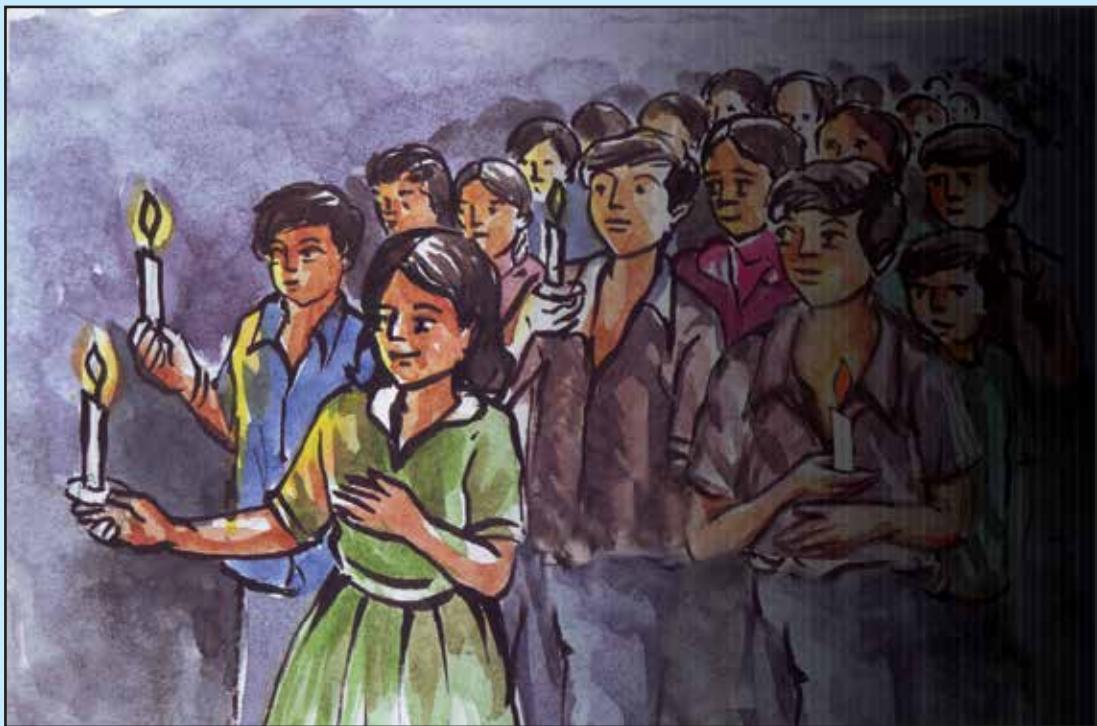
The Creed

Faith is to accept or abide by those things as truth. "Mantra" means Mystery. The word that is not understood is that we say mystery of faith. We knew beforehand that mystery is a subject cannot understand fully and we cannot go about leaving it aside, but we believe it. As we believe God has created everything in this earth, we don't understand how He had done it. We believe He brings us up. That's why we keep faith on Him. In other word faith is also call respect. That's why some of us in spite of saying word of faith we say creed. The apostles of Jesus and the main subject matters are together called the creed of the apostles.

The main subject matters of creed of the apostles are:

- 1) I believe in the Almighty Father. He has created everything. He controls everything. Everything is in His control. Everything is under Him.
- 2) I believe in God. He is born as man. God the Father has sent Him, Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man.
- 3) Jesus underwent persecution and was crucified. He wants to love us and free us from sins. Jesus tolerates all the suffering for us.

- 4) Jesus died for us. Pontius Pilate crucified him to death. Jesus died on the cross being innocent.
- 5) Jesus also died for our fore parents. He is the savior of all man. Jesus also died for those who died before his coming.
- 6) Jesus was resurrected from the death. He remained obedient to God the Father. Thus He completed the work of freedom. The Father awakened Him from death.
- 7) Being resurrected Jesus is with us through different kind of men. Being beside us He saves and takes care of us.
- 8) Jesus ascended into heaven and became the Lord of heaven and earth. We believe we will also go to Him being resurrected. He will give us peace in heaven.



The confession of faith and the renewal of the denouncing Satan

9. We believe in the Holy Spirit. We do not lead our life with the influence of evil spirit. We can defeat the evil power and we can conquer evil.
10. We believe in Church. The Church is like a body. Jesus is the head of it. He has led us through the Church.

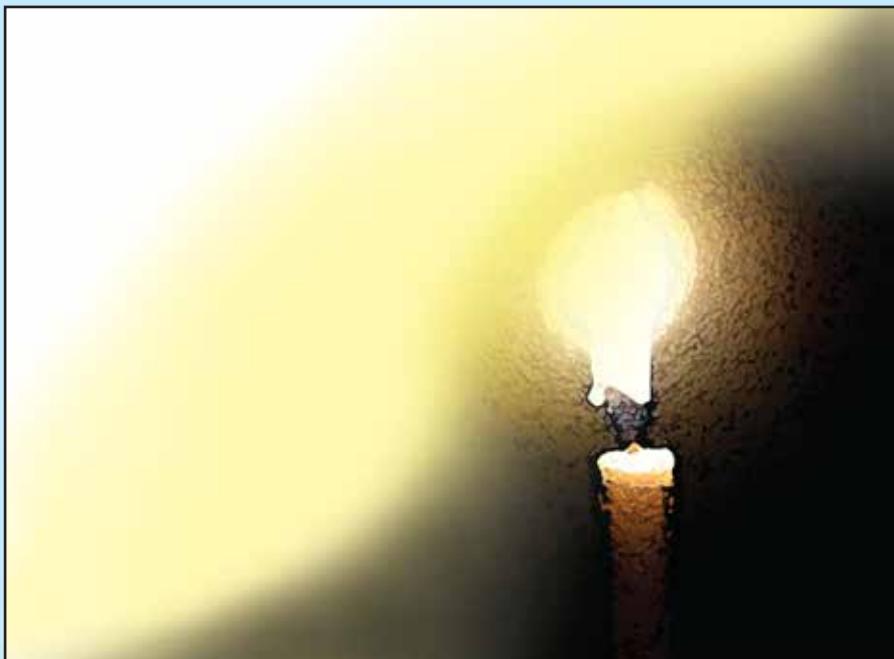
To walk in the path of truth

- a) We shall be the light of the earth. As light removes darkness we will also remove the faithlessness of man.
- b) I shall live with all in unity. The Spirit of Jesus has given us responsibility to bring unity. We shall bring unity among us removing groupings.

What we learnt

God is found through faith. The main subject matter is faith. We shall have to lead our life in the path of truth.

Planned work : We will say the creed from our memory.



We shall be the light of the earth

EXERCISE

1. Fill in the gaps:

- a. I _____ in the Almighty Father.
- b. Jesus is all men's _____.
- c. Jesus is fully God and fully _____.
- d. We can win _____ through the Holy Spirit.

2. Match the left hand parts with the right as to make sensible:

a. The meaning of faith is	a. controls everything
b. Through faith	b. died on the cross
c. Jesus for us	c. Jesus Christ
d. The head of the Church	d. God is found
	e. the mystery of faith

3. Answer the following questions in brief:

- a. Who has given death sentence to Jesus?
- b. What can faith be called in another word?
- c. What is the main subject matter of faith is called altogether?
- d. What is magical spell?

4. Answer the following questions:

- a. Write about the five subject matter of creed of the apostles in your own word.
- b. Write the creed of the apostles from your memory.
- c. How will you walk in the path of truth?

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

EARTHQUAKE

Sometimes some accident takes place in the nature. Such as, Cyclone, Tornado, Hurricane, Flood, Drought, Tsunami, Earthquake etc. These take place in natural way. We call them natural calamities. All these mishaps cause harm to man, animals, birds, crops, wealth and riches. Because of these calamities many a times large numbers of people die. These cause great harm to the environment. Due to this hindrance are created on the way to progress and prosperity of the country. Here we will point out the harmful sides of the earthquake and our duties after the earthquake.

Things to be done during earthquake

If in the house we will have to sit down or lie down under the strong table or bed. Until the earthquake stops we will have to stay there. We should keep away from the glass door-window and glass. We should remain aloof from using lift. If get caught under the debris we have to blow the whistle if we have along. Otherwise, hit hard repeatedly on the water pipe or the wall. If all these are not possible loud shouting is to be made.

Doings after the earthquake

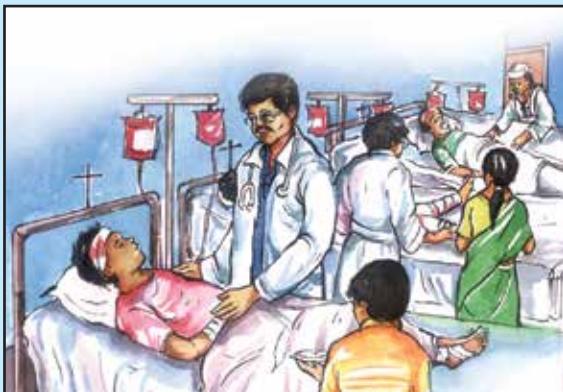
After the earthquake stops you will have to look around and see if it will be safe to get out. If safe, then you will have to come out of the house. Slowly, you will have to make your own self quiet. Wounded and stranded people will have to be helped. Especially the children and the elderly people will have to be helped first. Those who are in need should be given primary treatment. Serious wounded persons should not be moved alone too much; rather they should be kept in the same place. Helping people should be called in. If there is any fire extinguishable should be extinguished. Because it is said many a time fire breaks out after the earthquake. If there is any battery operated radio should be switched on. The emergency operation about²⁰²⁰

the rescue should be listened. If on the sea shore area, should be aware about Tsunami. If smell gas, going quietly the main line of the gas should be put off. After that one should go away from there, because there is every possibility of catching fire. If any electric line is torn, the main line of electricity should be put off.

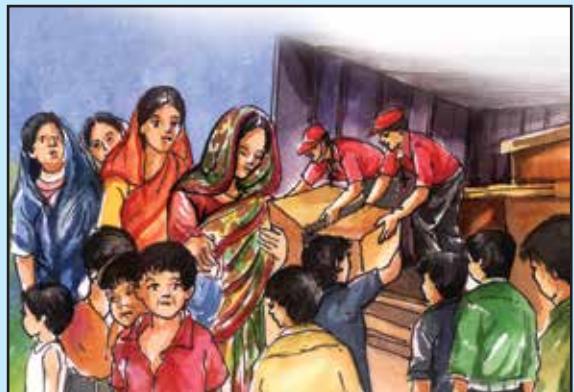
Assistance in rescue and nursing

Due to the earthquake often there is a great harm. The most important thing is:

- a. To rescue the stranded people;
- b. To remove the wounded to the safe place;
- c. Bring doctor, nurse and medicine. To nurse the wounded;
- d. Distribute drinking water and food stuff;
- e. To console the scared people.



Treatment and nursing of the wounded



Distribution of relief materials

What I learnt

Earthquake takes place in natural law. Man has no hand in that. We have to keep in mind about our doings during the earthquake. After the earthquake comes ahead the nursing work.

Planned work : Prepare a list how the earthquake hit people can be helped.

EXERCISE

1. Fill in the gaps:

- a. Cyclone, flood, and earthquake all these are called _____.
- b. The natural calamities _____ the environment in different ways.
- c. The wounded men will have to be taken to _____ after the earthquake.

2. Give a tick (✓) mark beside the correct answer :

- 2.1 The natural calamities man, animals, birds, crops, wealth, riches and other.
a. Prevent b. Misuse c. Reduce d. Harm
- 2.2 If on the sea beach should be aware of
a. Flood b. Earthquake c. Tsunami d. Cyclone
- 2.3 After the earthquake the scared should people will have to be given
a. Assurance b. Consolation c. Hope d. Love

3. Give the answer of the following questions briefly :

- a. Give example of five natural calamities.
- b. Who will have to be helped first after the earthquake?
- c. What are the things to be distributed after the earthquake?
- d. What did Jesus say about service?

4. Give answer of the following questions:

- a. Write what is to be done during the earthquake?
- b. Relate what is to be done after the earthquake?
- c. Write how you can help in rescue work and nursing?

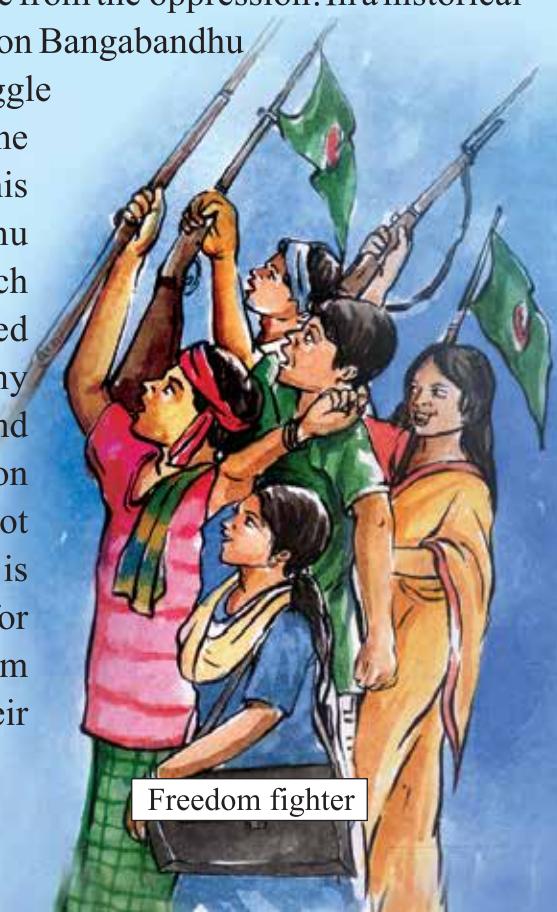
CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

THE CHRISTIAN MARTYRS IN THE LIBERATION WAR OF BANGLADESH

God has created every one of us independent. This is why we like to leading a life of freedom. We want to keep our motherland independent, because God has given us this motherland. We did not eye witness the liberation war that took place in our country since 1971. We knew about it from our elders radio, television and reading newspaper. We know many people of our country embraced martyrdom. Among them there are Christian martyrs also. We should have great respect for them. This is why we need to know even more about them.

What is Liberation War ?

We were being exploited by the Pakistani rulers. We were under occupation the people of our country became united to get free from the oppression. In a historical speech of 7 March 1971 The Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Muzibar Rahman called for the struggle of liberation. In that year on 25 March the Pakistani rulers started the mass killing in this country. In such situation Bangabandhu declared freedom of the country on 26 March in the early hour of the day. They killed numerous people, burnt into ashes many houses. To free the country from their hand the people of our country joined the liberation war. After long nine months of war we got victory on 16th December, 1971. This war is called Liberation war. Those who fought for the freedom of the country we call them freedom fighters. Those who have given their invaluable lives, we call them martyrs.



Freedom fighter

Mistier Martyrs

Christian people of all religious denomination, joined the liberation war of Bangladesh. All of them fought to free the country. None of them also thought who is of which religion. The only thought was how the Pakistanis could be defeated. How can our country be freed? The contribution of the Christians in the liberation war is great. Like others the Christians fought in the war in two ways. Some took part in the war directly and some took part from behind the scene.

At least 24 Christians embraced martyrdom in this war. Among them there are three priests. The names of the Priests are : Fr. William Evans CSC, Fr. Lucas Marandy and Fr. Mario Veronesie, SX. During the liberation war many Fathers, Brothers and Sisters gave shelter to the freedom fighters and served them. Helped them giving money. Those who lost their houses and belongings they gave them shelter in the Parish and Church school. Many cooked for the freedom fighters and supply them news.



Fr. Evans, CSC



Fr. Lucas Marandy



Fr. Mario Veronesies, SX

The aim all was to establish democracy in the country.

Our people sacrificed their lives to free the country. The work after that is to establish of democracy. We all like democracy, because democracy is the best form of government. Professor Celly says, Democratic rules mean the participation of all. How the participation of all is ensured in democratic government. In two ways all can take part, some directly involve themselves in ruling the country. Such as the president, prime-minister and other ministers. They keep the discipline of the country. Ensure the security of all people. Work for the development of the country. They have these works done with their orders. Secondly, indirectly all can participate in administration of the country. Such as we can elect the administrators or law makers by giving votes²⁰²⁰

Fulfilling the responsibilities and duties accordingly and through prayers we can participate.

Why Democracy is good government

1. Through democracy all can express their own ideas.
2. The government is led according to the will of the people.
3. The government stands liable to the general mass.
4. In the eyes of law all enjoy the equal rights and dignity.
5. The relationship of the people with government remains good.
6. Small groups don't remain in fear.
7. The opportunity of expression of own qualities are wide.
8. The opportunities to express the love for the country increases.

Let democracy be established in our country. All men lead their lives freely. Let the country prosper day by day so that we always become good person, so that we take the country towards more progress and prosperity.

What we learnt

To free the country liberation war took place in our country. Many Christian people even embraced martyrdom. Democracy is the good government for our country.

Planned Work

With group discussion name five who have been martyred in the liberation war.

EXERCISE

1. Fill in the gaps

- a) We were imprison in the hand of the _____.
- b) The Father of the Nation Bangabandhu called for the _____.
- c) Democracy is the best _____.

- d) 26 March is our _____.
- e) Our victory day is on _____.

2. Match the left hand side column with the right to make sensible sentence:

a) Those who gave their invaluable lives in the war of liberation	a) Can express them idea .
b) In the administrative policy of the country all	b) Can achieve their right.
c) In democracy all the people	c) We call them martyr.
	d) can take part in two ways.

3. Put a tick (✓) mark beside the correct answer:

- 3.1 The liberation war took place in our country
a) 1970 b) 1971 c) 1972 d) 1973
- 3.2 Fr. William Evan CSC, Fr. Lucas Marandi and Fr. Mario Veronese SX these are:
a) Foreign Traders b) Martyr c) Saints d) Freedom fighters
- 3.3 Professor Celly says Democratic government means the government where all have
a) Service b) Speech d) A role d) Participation

4. Answer the following questions briefly :

- a) What is liberation War?
b) Who is called martyr?
c) After how many martyrs did the country gain victory?

5. Answer the following questions:

- a) Write the contribution of the christian in the liberation war.
b) Why democracy is a good government? Write the cause of it?

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