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PRIMARY THREE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - SELF STUDY LESSONS SET ONE

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USE YOUR R.E CLASS WORK BOOKS AND WRITE THESE NOTES DOWN ALSO DO ALL THE GIVEN ACTIVITIES.

CONTENT : MESSENGERS OF GOD

By the end of the lesson you should be able to:

-Tell who a messenger is

-State the ways through which God speaks to his people

-Tell who prophet is

- **A messenger of God is a person who delivers God's message to the people.**
- **Messengers of God include prophets and Angels.**
- **God uses his messengers to speak to us**

God speaks to us in many different ways. The ways through which God speaks to us are:

- Through the Bible
- Using religious leaders, pastors and priests
- Through dreams
- Through visions
- Through revelations
- Through life experience

- Through direct communication

We are going to look at how God speaks to us through His messengers.

These messengers of God include:

- The preachers of God's word e g Pastors, Priest, Reverends etc.
- God speaks to us through the gospel singers
- God speaks to us through His prophets.

PROPHETS

A prophet is a God's messenger who foretells future happenings.

Examples of prophets in the Bible

- John the Baptist
- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Elijah
- Joel
- Amos
- Micah
- Ezekiel
- Zechariah

Note: Each of the above prophets had a special message to God's people.

Study the above books in the bible and learn more about them.

Qualities of people God chooses to be His messengers

- They are faithful
- They are trustworthy
- They are obedient

- They are humble

Activity

1. **List any two ways through which God can speaks to us.**
2. **How are prophets important to the people?**
3. **Mention any three prophets in the Bible.**
4. **Give any three ways God talks to this people**
5. **Who is a messenger?**
6. **Give two ways through which people speak to God.**

LESSON TWO

CONTENT: NOAH AS A MESSENGER (Gen 6:1-8)

By the end of the lesson you should be able to:

-Re-tell the story of Noah

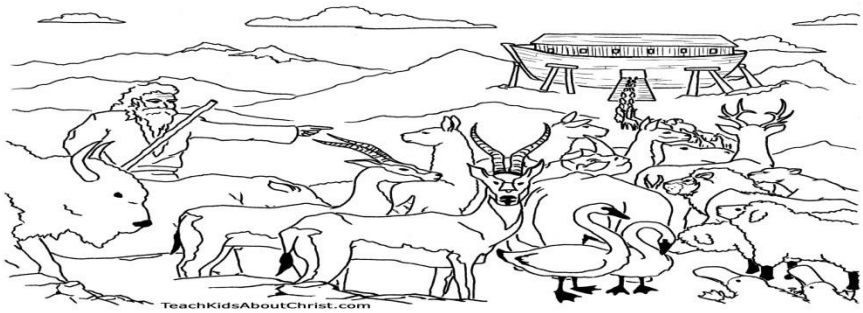
-State the reason why God called Noah

-Give the reason why God destroyed the people with floods

- ❖ Noah was a very faithful man.
- ❖ God loved him so much because he lived a sinless life and yet the rest of the people were very sinful and disobeyed God so much.
- ❖ When God's anger over the sinful people during Noah's time was too much. He decided to destroy the world and the sinful

people with floods, God told Noah to build the big boat called **the Ark** to save his life.

- ❖ The Ark saved Noah, his family and other creatures from the flood.



<u>Noah and the floods</u>

- ✓ God sent floods on earth for 40 **days and nights**
- ✓ **The floods destroyed everything on earth apart from those Noah entered with in the Ark.**
- ✓ **Only eight people survived the floods. These were Noah, his wife, his three sons and their wives.**
- ✓ **Noah's sons were**: -Shem, Ham and Japheth
- ✓ Noah's ark rested on **Mount Ararat**.

Noah sent a raven to go and check whether the rain had stopped but it did not come back, he sent a dove after sometime but it came back with nothing. Noah waited for seven days and he sent the dove again, this time the dove

came with a dry leaf, this showed Noah that the floods had stopped.

- ✓ After the floods, God made a covenant with Noah never to destroy the world again with floods
- ✓ The symbol of God's covenant with Noah was a **rainbow**
- ✓ Noah Died at the age of 950 years.

Activity

1. **Who built the Ark?**
2. **For how long did the floods take during Noah's time?**
3. **On which mountain did the Ark rest?**
4. **How many people entered the Ark?**
5. **Who was the father of Noah?**
6. **What will happen to all people who disobey the word of God?**
7. **As a P.3 child, what major lesson do you learn from the story of Noah?**

LESSON THREE:

CONTENT: ANGELS AS GOD'S MESSENGERS (Luke 1:26-38)

By the end of the lesson you should be able to:

-Tell who angels are

-Give examples of Angels and the work they do

-Explain the work of Angels

- ❖ Angels are heavenly messengers of God.
- ❖ The Angels of God that were sent to the earth include:
- Angel Gabriel
- Angel Micheal
- Angel Raphael

❖ **Angel Gabriel** brought the message to **Mary** about the birth of Jesus Christ.

❖ He also delivered a message about the birth of John the Baptist to Elizabeth.

❖ Angel Gabriel delivered the message to the shepherds about the birth of Christ

Characteristics of angel

- They were created from light.
- They have supernatural power.
- They do not drink nor eat.
- They are invisible.
- They are neither males nor females.

- They have wings.

Activity

1. How is an angel different from a prophet?
2. Which angel brought the good news to Mary?
3. What lesson do we learn from Virgin Mary?
4. Why is angel Gabriel important in Christianity?
5. State the main duty of angels.

LESSON FOUR

CONTENT: PROPHETS AND THEIR MESSAGES.

By the end of the lesson you should be able to:

-State the different prophet that God sent to deliver the message of the coming of the messiah

-Tell the messages they received from God

INTRODUCTION

Before the coming of Jesus, the messiah in the new testament, God sent many prophets to come and deliver the message about his birth to the people.

These prophets included:

(a)**Prophet Isaiah** (Isaiah 53)

- He talked about the coming of Jesus.
- He said that Jesus would suffer on behalf of Christian.
- He preached about sin and forgiveness.

(b) **Prophet Micah** (Micah 5:2)

He said that Jesus would be born in the town called **Bethlehem**.

c)Prophet Zechariah (Zech 9:9)

- He also said that Jesus would go to Jerusalem on a donkey. (a colt)

d). **John the Baptist (John: 1)**

- He was the last prophet in the Bible
- He prepared for the coming of Jesus Christ.
- He baptized Jesus at River Jordan.

JESUS' BAPTISM

Activity

1. Which prophet in the bible said that Jesus would be beaten and killed?
2. In which town was Jesus born?
3. Who baptized Jesus?
4. Name the river where Jesus was baptized.
5. Why are Christians baptized today?

LESSON FIVE

CONTENT : SORROW AND JOY IN LIFE

By the end of the lesson you should be able to:

-Tell what joy and sorrow is

-State the ways through which Jesus experienced sorrow

-State the temptations of Jesus

-Tell how Jesus was able to overcome the temptations

-Define lent, the days spent in lent and the reason why Christians fast.

- Life is mixed up with sorrowfulness and joy
- In moments of trials and temptation, we go through sorrow and in moments of success and victory we feel joy.

  Sorrow is a state of feeling pain and misery.

  Joy is a state of being free from pain and misery
- Jesus Himself experienced sorrow while He lived on earth. His sorrowful experiences were:

  -He was crucified

  -His disciples left him

  -He was spat at

  -He was abused

  -He was tempted by the devil in the wilderness.

Jesus in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-12)

- ✓ Jesus was in the wilderness for 40 days and nights.

- ✓ He was fasting and praying. (without food or drinks)
- ✓ an three times.

The temptations given to Jesus

(i)To turn the stones into bread.

(ii)To bow down and worship the devil.

(iii)To fall down from the highest point of the temple

HOW JESUS OVERCAME THE ABOVE TEMPTATIONS

- He used the word of God
- The Holy Spirit helped him

LENT (Matt 6:16-18)

- ❖ The term Lent refers to the fasting period for Christians.
- ❖ Lent period lasts for forty (40) days.
- ❖ Christians begin their lent on **Ash Wednesday and ends on Palm Sunday.**

Reasons why Christians fast

- To repent of their sins

- To strengthen their faith
- To get blessings
- To ask for their needs.

What should a Christian do during lent?

- Repenting his/her sins
- Forgiving others
- Praying to God
- Reading the Bible

Activity

1. What do we call the fasting period for Christians?
2. When do Christians begin fasting?
3. Mention any three things a Christian should not do during lent.
4. Why do Christians fast?
5. How many days do Christians fast?
6. What should one do after sinning?