

# OUR KINGDOM MINISTRY

## JUNE 2013

### WEEK STARTING JUNE 10

Song 114 and Prayer

#### ❑ Congregation Bible Study:

*jr* chap. 10 ¶14-19 (30 min.)

#### ❑ Theocratic Ministry School:

**Bible reading:** Acts 1-4 (10 min.)

**No. 1:** Acts 1:15–2:4 (4 min. or less)

**No. 2:** What Future Blessings Will Be Enjoyed as a Result of the Ransom?—*rs* p. 310 ¶1-4 (5 min.)

**No. 3:** Why Can the Thinking of Many People Be Likened to Poisonous Air?—Eph. 2:1, 2 (5 min.)

#### ❑ Service Meeting:

Song 85

**10 min:** The Importance of Good Visual Contact. Talk based on the *Ministry School* book, page 124, paragraph 1, to page 125, paragraph 4. Have a brief demonstration showing a publisher who has poor eye contact while giving a witness. Then repeat the demonstration, this time with the publisher maintaining good eye contact.

**10 min:** What Did We Accomplish? Discussion by the secretary. Outline what was accomplished during the Memorial season, and commend the congregation for its activity. Invite audience to relate positive experiences enjoyed while distributing Memorial invitations or while serving as auxiliary pioneers.

**10 min:** “Are You Willing to Adapt?” Questions and answers.

Song 74 and Prayer

### Are You Willing to Adapt?

<sup>1</sup> At 1 Corinthians 7:31, the Bible compares the world to a stage with ever-changing scenes and actors. Changes in the world require that we make adjustments from time to time in our preaching methods, our schedule, and our approach. Are you willing to adapt?

1. Changes in the world require that we make what adjustments?

<sup>2</sup> **Your Preaching Methods:** The Christian congregation has always been adaptable. When Jesus initially sent out his disciples, he told them not to procure a food pouch or money for their purses. (Matt. 10:9, 10) However, he later revised those instructions in anticipation of future hostility toward his disciples and the expansion of the preaching work into other territories. (Luke 22:36) Over the past century, Jehovah’s organization has used different preaching methods—testimony cards, radio broadcasts, and sound cars, for example—according to what was needed at the time. Today, since people in many areas are seldom at home, increased emphasis has been placed on supplementing our house-to-house ministry with public and informal witnessing. We have also been encouraged to go from house to house during the early evening if people are at work during the day. As Jehovah’s celestial chariot adjusts its course, are you keeping pace with it?—Ezek. 1:20, 21.

<sup>3</sup> **Your Presentation:** What are the people in your area presently concerned about? The economy? Family? War? It is beneficial to be aware of the current problems and circumstances common in our territory so that we can prepare an appropriate presentation. (1 Cor. 9:20-23) When householders express themselves, rather than giving a token response and continuing with our prepared presentation, how much better it is to adapt and address their concerns.

<sup>4</sup> Very soon this world’s final “scene” will conclude, and the great tribulation will begin. “The time left is reduced.” (1 Cor. 7:29) How important it is, then, to adapt and to do so without delay, so that we can accomplish the most in the limited time left!

2. Why must we be adaptable in order to keep pace with the organization?

3. How does being adaptable help us to be more effective in our territory?

4. Why should we be quick to adapt?

## WEEK STARTING JUNE 17

Song 48 and Prayer

### ❑ **Congregation Bible Study:**

*jr* chap. 10 ¶20-27 (30 min.)

### ❑ **Theocratic Ministry School:**

**Bible reading:** Acts 5-7 (10 min.)

**No. 1:** Acts 5:17-32 (4 min. or less)

**No. 2:** What Must a Person Do to Be Known by Jehovah?—2 Tim. 2:19 (5 min.)

**No. 3:** What Is Required of Us in Order to Benefit From Jesus' Sacrifice?—*rs* p. 310 ¶5—p. 311 ¶1 (5 min.)

### ❑ **Service Meeting:**

Song 61

**10 min: How to Demonstrate Respect in the Ministry.** Talk based on the *Ministry School* book, page 190, paragraph 1, to page 192, paragraph 1. Have a brief realistic demonstration of a publisher showing a lack of respect for the householder. Then repeat the demonstration, this time with the publisher showing proper respect.

**10 min: Help Your Student to Become a Publisher.** Discussion based on the *Organized* book, page 78, paragraph 3, to the last bullet-point on page 80.

**10 min: "Increased Opportunities to Laud Jehovah."** Questions and answers. Briefly interview one or two publishers who auxiliary pioneered during the visit of the circuit overseer.

Song 9 and Prayer

## Increased Opportunities to Laud Jehovah

<sup>1</sup> This past March, a new arrangement went into effect, giving publishers the opportunity to auxiliary pioneer with a 30-hour requirement each March and April and during the month of the circuit overseer's regular visit. If the visit of the circuit overseer spans

1. What new arrangement will help us to "laud Jehovah very much"?

two months, publishers who apply for the 30-hour requirement may choose one month or the other to auxiliary pioneer. All auxiliary pioneers may attend the *entire* meeting that he has with the regular and special pioneers. This means that if the 50-hour requirement is out of reach for us, we can still "laud Jehovah very much" as auxiliary pioneers up to four times a year with the 30-hour requirement!—Ps. 109:30; 119:171.

### <sup>2</sup> **During the Circuit Overseer's Visit:**

Now many more will be able to auxiliary pioneer during the visit of the circuit overseer and enjoy the interchange of encouragement that comes from working with him in the ministry. (Rom. 1:11, 12) Many auxiliary pioneers will likely arrange to take a day off during the week in order to work with the circuit overseer. Those who work secularly during weekdays can ask him if he will work with them on Saturday or Sunday. In addition, how encouraging it will be for the auxiliary pioneers to attend the pioneer meeting along with the regular and special pioneers!

<sup>3</sup> **During March and April:** Those who took advantage of the former arrangement to auxiliary pioneer with the 30-hour requirement one month during the Memorial season can now double their "sacrifice of praise"! (Heb. 13:15) Both March and April are excellent months to expand our ministry as auxiliary pioneers. Each year during those months, we participate in an enjoyable campaign to invite others to attend the Memorial. In addition, because many expand their ministry during the Memorial season, we can work with a variety of publishers. After the Memorial, we follow up on the interest shown by those who attended and build enthusiasm for the special public talk. Will your heart motivate you to take advantage of these additional opportunities to auxiliary pioneer?—Luke 6:45.

2. What will those who auxiliary pioneer during the visit of the circuit overseer enjoy?

3. Why is the Memorial season an excellent time to auxiliary pioneer?

## WEEK STARTING JUNE 24

Song 123 and Prayer

### ☐ **Congregation Bible Study:**

*jr* chap. 11 ¶1-8 (30 min.)

### ☐ **Theocratic Ministry School:**

**Bible reading:** Acts 8-10 (10 min.)

**Theocratic Ministry School Review** (20 min.)

### ☐ **Service Meeting:**

Song 93

**10 min: “Feature One Topic, but Leave Both Magazines.”** Talk. Following the talk, demonstrate how a study may be started on the first Saturday in July, using the sample presentation on page 4.

**10 min: Our Work Is Not in Vain. (Heb. 6:10)** Discussion based on the *2013 Yearbook*, pages 113-115. Invite audience to comment on the lessons learned.

**10 min: The Literature Offer for July and August.** Discussion. Briefly consider features of the brochures that will be offered. Demonstrate how two of them may be presented. One presentation should be of the *Good News* brochure, using the sample on page 4 or one of the sample presentations in the March 2013 *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

Song 129 and Prayer

## Feature One Topic, but Leave Both Magazines

Each set of our magazines contains a variety of interesting topics. Rather than trying to feature several subjects at each door, it is generally better to discuss only one. If we are observant and familiar with the contents of the magazines, we can choose something from either *The Watchtower* or *Awake!* that will interest the householder. For example, if we see children’s toys in or around the home, we may choose to highlight an article on family life. If a man comes to the door, we might decide to feature a subject that many men are interested in, such as good government. Although we may discuss only one topic, we should usually leave both magazines with the householder if he shows interest.

## Theocratic Ministry School Review

The following questions will be considered at the Theocratic Ministry School during the week beginning June 24, 2013. The date when each point is scheduled for discussion is included so that research can be done when preparing for the school each week.

1. What did Jesus mean by his statement recorded at John 3:14, 15: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so the Son of man must be lifted up”? [May 6, *it-1* p. 505]
2. When do Christ’s followers receive life in themselves, or enter into the fullness of life? (John 6:53) [May 13, *w03* 9/15 p. 31 par. 3]
3. Illustrate how Jesus revealed his Father to imperfect humans. (John 8:28) [May 20, *w11* 4/1 p. 7 par. 3]
4. What do we learn from Jesus’ ‘giving way to tears’ upon the death of his friend Lazarus? (John 11:35) [May 20, *w08* 5/1 p. 24 pars. 3-5]
5. What powerful lesson did Jesus teach by washing the feet of his disciples? (John 13:4, 5) [May 27, *w99* 3/1 p. 31 par. 1]
6. How can God’s spirit serve as a sure guide for us? (John 14:26) [May 27, *w11* 12/15 pp. 14-15 par. 9]
7. At John 21:15, to what does “these” refer, and what lesson can we learn? [June 3, *w08* 4/15 p. 32 par. 11]
8. According to Acts 2:44-47 and Acts 4:34, 35, what spirit do Christians do well to imitate? [June 10, *w08* 5/15 p. 30 par. 5]
9. Was Stephen praying to Jesus in the account found at Acts 7:59? [June 17, *w08* 5/15 p. 31 par. 2]
10. How can we imitate the good example of Barnabas, and what benefits will we enjoy from doing so? (Acts 9:26, 27) [June 24, *bt* p. 65 par. 19]

## WEEK STARTING JULY 1

Song 69 and Prayer

### ❑ Congregation Bible Study:

jr chap. 11 ¶9-14 (30 min.)

### ❑ Theocratic Ministry School:

**Bible reading:** Acts 11-14 (10 min.)

**No. 1:** Acts 11:1-18 (4 min. or less)

**No. 2:** What Effect Should the Ransom Have on How We Use Our Lives?—rs p. 311 ¶4-6 (5 min.)

**No. 3:** Who Really Are Your Friends?—Ps. 119: 63 (5 min.)

### ❑ Service Meeting:

Song 70

**10 min:** Ideas for Offering the Magazines in July. Discussion. Take 30 to 60 seconds to relate why the magazines will have appeal in your territory. Then using the cover subject of *The Watchtower*, invite the audience to give suggestions on an interest-arousing question to ask and then invite suggestions on a scripture to read. Do the same for *Awake!* and, if time allows, for one other article from either magazine. Demonstrate how each issue may be offered.

**10 min:** Local needs.

**10 min:** What Do We Learn? Discussion. Have Luke 12:16-31 read. Consider how this account can help us in our ministry.

Song 35 and Prayer

## Announcements

■ Literature offer for **June:** Feature one of the following tracts: *Enjoy Family Life*, *Who Really Rules the World?*, *Why You Can Trust the Bible*, or *Would You Like to Know the Truth?* If there is interest, demonstrate a Bible study using the *Bible Teach* book or one of the brochures *Listen to God* or *Listen to God and Live Forever*.

**July and August:** Feature one of the following 32-page brochures: *Good News From God!*, *Listen to God*, or *Listen to God and Live Forever*.

**September:** The *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines.

■ As of April 1, 2013, Anguilla, the British Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Saba, St. Eustatius, St. Maarten, and the United States Virgin Islands came under the oversight of the United States branch.

## Sample Presentations

### To Start Bible Studies on the First Saturday in July

“Almost everyone in our community would like to live a long, happy life. So we would like to get your opinion on this question: Do you think that science and medicine will enable us to live forever one day? [Allow for response.] Notice what it says here.” Show the back of the July 1 *Watchtower*, and consider together the material under the first question and at least one of the cited scriptures. Offer the magazines, and arrange to return to discuss the next question.

*Note: This presentation should be demonstrated during the meeting for field service on July 6.*

### THE WATCHTOWER® July 1 ANNOUNCING JEHOWAH'S KINGDOM

“Many whom we talk to have their own religion. But others say that they have lost trust in religion altogether. How do you feel about religion? [Allow for response.] Jesus provided a standard to help us when examining a religion. [Read Luke 6:44a.] This magazine discusses some of the bad fruit that religion has produced. It also answers the question, Is any religion deserving of trust?”

### Awake!® July

“We are visiting our neighbors to talk about a distressing problem—injustice. Some people fight injustice by protesting. Do you think that people who protest succeed in bringing about changes? [Allow for response.] Notice what the Bible says will bring real change to the earth. [Read Matthew 6:9, 10.] This magazine answers the question, Is protest the answer?”

### Good News From God!

“We’re visiting the families on your street to share an encouraging thought from the Bible. Many that we’ve talked to wonder why a loving God would allow so much suffering in the world. Do you think that suffering was part of God’s original purpose for the earth?” Allow for response. Then turn to Lesson 5, and read and discuss the first two paragraphs and the scriptures in italics. Offer the brochure, and make arrangements to return to consider the next question in bold print.

### Field Service Highlights

We are happy to report two new all-time peaks in regular pioneers during the month of December 2012: 154,706 in the United States and 79 in Bermuda. Also, when comparing December with the same month of the previous year, the number of Bible studies being conducted increased by 5.9 percent in the Bahamas and by 15.6 percent in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Clearly, Jehovah’s servants are making a “sacrifice of praise” to him.—Heb. 13:15.