

OUR KINGDOM MINISTRY

JUNE 2009

WEEK STARTING JUNE 8

Song 14

☐ Congregation Bible Study:

lv app. pp. 212-215

☐ Theocratic Ministry School:

Bible reading: Leviticus 1-5

No. 1: Leviticus 4:1-15

No. 2: Should We Brag About Anything?
(*lv chap.* 21)

No. 3: How Should Christians Exercise Authority?

☐ Service Meeting:

Song 20

5 min: Announcements.

10 min: Jesus' Vital Place in God's Purpose.
Talk based on information under subheading beginning on page 276 of the *Ministry School* book.

10 min: The Offer for June. Demonstrate a presentation that has proved to be effective in the local territory. Also demonstrate using the publications when offering a Bible study.

10 min: "Our Ministry—A Reflection of Our Love for God." Question-and-answer discussion.

Song 10

Our Ministry—A Reflection of Our Love for God

¹ Love moved Jesus to carry out his ministry. Every aspect of Jesus' ministry is an undeniable testimony of his love for Jehovah. Jesus said: "In order for the world to know that I love the Father, even as the Father has given me commandment to do, so I am doing." (John 14:31) As footstep followers of Jesus, we also have the privilege of reflecting our deep love for God in our ministry.—Matt. 22:37; Eph. 5:1, 2.

1. What did love for God move Jesus to do?

² **"Let Your Name Be Sanctified":** When we zealously take advantage of every opportunity to speak to others about Jehovah and his Kingdom arrangement, we show our love for God and, in effect, we are contributing to the sanctification of his name. (Ps. 83:18; Ezek. 36:23; Matt. 6:9) As was true of Jesus' ministry, our ministry is an ongoing reflection of our sincere desire for Jehovah's name to be sanctified and for his will to be done.—Matt. 26:39.

³ **Love Moves Us to Overcome Obstacles:** Love for Jehovah transcends all barriers. (1 Cor. 13:4, 7) Jesus faced a number of circumstances in life that could have deterred him from carrying out his ministry. However, when he encountered obstacles, his profound love and his desire to do Jehovah's will enabled him to prevail. (Mark 3:21; 1 Pet. 2:18-23) We too face many challenges, which our love for God can help us to overcome. By adhering closely to the model set by Christ, we may feel confident and undeterred in fulfilling our ministry. Although family opposition, failing health, advanced age, or apathy on the part of people in general may affect us, it does not stop us from showing our love for Jehovah by carrying out our ministry as effectively as possible.

⁴ Love is powerful, and we are blessed to have the ability to reflect our whole-souled love of God in our ministry. (1 Cor. 13:13) As we swiftly approach the time when Jehovah's name will be sanctified once and for all, may our 'love abound yet more and more.'—Phil. 1:9; Matt. 22:36-38.

2. How does love for Jehovah affect our ministry?

3. In what way does our love for Jehovah help us to overcome obstacles?

4. What privilege does our love for Jehovah afford us?

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WEEK STARTING JUNE 15

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□ Congregation Bible Study:*lv* chap. 6 ¶1-9**□ Theocratic Ministry School:**

Bible reading: Leviticus 6-9

No. 1: Leviticus 8:1-17**No. 2:** 'Do You Believe in Healing?'*(rs p. 160 ¶6—p. 161 ¶1)***No. 3:** Why We Should Not Lie (*lv* chap. 22)**□ Service Meeting:**

Song 25

5 min: Announcements.**10 min:** Preach the Good News. Enthusiastic talk based on the *Ministry School* book, page 279, paragraphs 1-4.**10 min:** If Someone Says, 'I Believe in Evolution.' Audience discussion based on the *Reasoning* book, pages 126-128. Include a brief demonstration showing how we might reply when someone says, 'I believe that God created man by means of evolution.'**10 min:** "Be Well Prepared for Teaching."

Question-and-answer discussion.

Song 68

Be Well Prepared for Teaching

¹ When we are conducting a Bible study, we must be well prepared if we are to move the student to serve Jehovah. We must make our efforts count by building appreciation for Bible truth. This will in turn motivate the student. (Deut. 6:5; Prov. 4:23; 1 Cor. 9:26) Just how may we do this?

² **Prayerful Preparation:** Since it is Jehovah who makes the seed of truth grow

1. Why should we focus on building appreciation when conducting a Bible study?
2. What role does prayer play in good preparation?

in the student's heart, it is appropriate that we begin preparing for the study by praying specifically for the student and his particular needs. (1 Cor. 3:6; Jas. 1:5) Such prayer may also assist us in determining how we can further help to fill his heart "with the accurate knowledge" of Jehovah's will.—Col. 1:9, 10.

³ **Consider the Student:** Jesus knew that effective teaching involves taking into consideration the audience. On at least two occasions, Jesus was asked the same question: "By doing what shall I inherit everlasting life?" Each time when answering, he used a different approach. (Luke 10:25-28; 18:18-20) We should *have the student in mind as we prepare*. Which of the cited scriptures will we read with him? How much material will we endeavor to cover? What points in the lesson might the student find difficult to understand or to accept? If we can anticipate some of the questions that might be raised, we will be better prepared to respond effectively.

⁴ **Review the Material:** No matter how many times we have studied the material in the past, it will be the first time we study it with the student. If we are to reach his heart, good preparation for each study is vital. This means doing what we encourage our student to do. Review the material, including the cited scriptures, with the student in mind, and perhaps underline key points.—Rom. 2:21, 22.

⁵ Jehovah is keenly interested in the progress of each Bible student. (2 Pet. 3:9) By taking time to prepare for each Bible study, we demonstrate the same loving concern.

3. How may we prepare with the student in mind?
4. What does good preparation include?
5. How may we imitate Jehovah?

WEEK STARTING JUNE 22

Song 177

☐ Congregation Bible Study:*lv* chap. 6 ¶10-15, box on p. 67**☐ Theocratic Ministry School:**

Bible reading: Leviticus 10-13

No. 1: Leviticus 11:29-45**No. 2:** The Reason People Get Sick (*lv* chap. 23)**No. 3:** Blessings That Baptized Disciples Enjoy**☐ Service Meeting:**

Song 7

5 min: Announcements.**10 min:** Help Your Listeners to Use Discernment. Audience discussion based on the *Ministry School* book, page 57, paragraph 3, to page 58, paragraph 3.**10 min:** Prepare to Offer the July 1 *Watchtower* and the July *Awake!* After giving a brief overview of the magazines, ask the audience which articles they plan to feature and why. What questions and scriptures will they endeavor to use to introduce the articles? Demonstrate how each magazine might be introduced.**10 min:** How to Overcome Objections About Religion. Audience discussion based on the *Reasoning* book, page 330, paragraph 4, to page 333, paragraph 2. Have one or two suggestions demonstrated.

Song 27

WEEK STARTING JUNE 29

Song 124

☐ Congregation Bible Study:*lv* chap. 6 ¶16-23**☐ Theocratic Ministry School:**

Bible reading: Leviticus 14-16

Theocratic Ministry School Review

☐ Service Meeting:

Song 81

5 min: Announcements.**10 min:** Good Personal Appearance—Why Important. Audience discussion based on the *Ministry School* book, pages 131-134.**10 min:** Choose Bible Topics for “People of All Sorts.” (1 Cor. 9:22) Audience discussion. When the following questions are discussed, the audience may relate their personal experiences. What topics have you found to be appealing to certain age groups, genders, or religious groups? How may we use the *Reasoning* book to choose topics that will appeal to different ones? How may we be flexible in this regard?**10 min:** The Offer for July and August. Review publications being offered. Demonstrate two or three presentations that may be effective in your territory.

Song 215

Theocratic Ministry School Review

The following questions will be considered at the Theocratic Ministry School.

1. What can we learn from the prohibition found at Exodus 23:19? [*w06* 4/1 p. 31 pars. 1-5]
2. What were the Urim and the Thummim, and how were they used in ancient Israel? (Ex. 28:30) [*w06* 1/15 p. 18; *w01* 9/1 p. 27]
3. How did Jehovah speak to Moses “face to face”? (Ex. 33:11, 20) [*w04* 3/15 p. 27]
4. What lessons can be learned from Israel’s generous contribution of materials and skills to build the tabernacle? (Ex. 35:5, 10) [*w99* 11/1 p. 31 pars. 1-2]
5. What does the screen mentioned at Exodus 40:28 represent in God’s great spiritual temple? [*w00* 1/15 p. 15 pars. 7-8]
6. What aspect of Jesus’ sacrifice is called to our attention by the “burnt offering,” which was presented in its entirety on the altar? (Lev. 1:13) [*w04* 5/15 p. 21 par. 3]
7. What does the fact that “all the fat belongs to Jehovah” impress on us? (Lev. 3:16, 17) [*w04* 5/15 p. 22 par. 2]
8. What was the significance of putting some of the blood of the ram of installation on the right ear, right hand, and right foot of Aaron and his sons? (Lev. 8:23, 24) [*it-2* p. 1113 par. 4]
9. What insight can we gain from Leviticus 12:8 concerning Jesus’ upbringing, and what lesson can we learn from this? [*w98* 12/15 p. 6 par. 5]
10. How was the application of Jesus’ ransom sacrifice typified on Israel’s annual Atonement Day? (Lev. 16:11-16) [*w98* 2/15 p. 12 par. 2]

WEEK STARTING JULY 6

Song 109

☐ **Congregation Bible Study:**

lv chap. 7 ¶1-9, boxes on pp. 76-78

☐ **Theocratic Ministry School:**

Bible reading: Leviticus 17-20

No. 1: Leviticus 19:1-18

No. 2: Did We All Exist in the Spirit Realm Before Our Birth as Humans?

(*rs* p. 161 ¶2-p. 162 ¶3)

No. 3: Never Become a Thief!

(*lr* chap. 24)

☐ **Service Meeting:**

Song 13

5 min: Announcements.

10 min: Local needs.

10 min: Interview two or three congregation elders or ministerial servants. What encouraged them to reach out for a fine work? (1 Tim. 3:1-9) What encouragement and assistance did they receive from others? What blessings have they enjoyed?

10 min: Helping Others Put the Kingdom First. Talk based on information under the subheading on page 281 of the *Ministry School* book.

Song 43

Announcements

■ Literature offer for **June:** *What Does the Bible Really Teach?* If householders already have the book, publishers may offer any 192-page book published prior to 1992.

July and August: Any 32-page brochures that are in stock except *How Can Blood Save Your Life?*, *Jehovah's Witnesses and Education*, and *Jehovah's Witnesses—Who Are They? What Do They Believe?* **September:** *What Does the Bible Really Teach?* Endeavor to start Bible studies on the initial call. Show how householders can benefit from the book by briefly demonstrating a Bible study.

■ Whenever personal travel plans include visiting a land that is not listed separately in the current service year report or whose address is not listed on the last page of the latest *Yearbook*, please contact your branch office to ascertain what precautions or special instructions may need to be followed. The Kingdom work in that area may be under certain restrictions. (Matt. 10:16) In some lands it may not be advisable for visitors to make contact with local Witnesses or congregations. Other direction may be provided to you regarding informal witnessing or carrying supplies of literature. Your cooperation with the direction provided will prevent unnecessary problems for you or for the Kingdom work.—1 Cor. 14:33, 40.

Field Service Highlights

We are happy to report a new peak in the United States for February! The total of 669,721 Bible studies conducted is an increase of 6,471 over the previous peak set in January 2009. Additionally, Bermuda reported a new peak of 72 regular pioneers, which is 15 percent of their total number of publishers.

What to Say About the Magazines

THE WATCHTOWER® June 1

"Many believe that the world's religions are different roads leading to the same God. What is your opinion? [Allow for response.] Notice what the Bible says. [Read Joshua 24:15.] This article gives compelling reasons to examine personally whether our religion is leading us to the true God." Feature the article that begins on page 12.

Awake!® June

"All of us know people who have died. Do you think we need to be afraid that some of them may be angry and want to harm us? [Allow for response. Then read Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6.] You will find this article comforting." Feature the article that begins on page 22.

THE WATCHTOWER® July 1

"Many people who have a Bible find it difficult to understand. Have you ever felt that way? [Allow for response.] According to this verse, the Author of the Bible wants us to understand and benefit from his written Word. [Read Psalm 119:130.] This magazine gives three suggestions that will help us to understand the Bible."

Awake!® July

"Depression affects many today. Do you think God is personally interested in those who are suffering emotionally? [Allow for response. Then read Psalm 34:18.] This magazine explains how those who are depressed may receive help from God, even if they also require medical treatment. It also gives suggestions on what we can say to console them."