

# OUR KINGDOM MINISTRY

OCTOBER 2013

## WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 14

Song 32 and Prayer

### ❑ Congregation Bible Study:

*jr* chap. 15 ¶17-12 (30 min.)

### ❑ Theocratic Ministry School:

**Bible reading:** Philippians 1–Colossians 4 (10 min.)

**No. 1:** Philippians 3:17–4:9 (4 min. or less)

**No. 2:** Is It Proper to Leave the Religion of One's Parents?—*rs* p. 324 ¶1-3 (5 min.)

**No. 3:** How Can Prayer Help Us to Fight Temptations?—Luke 11:9-13; Jas. 1:5 (5 min.)

### ❑ Service Meeting:

Song 68

**15 min:** Our International Unity Honors Jehovah. Talk based on the *Organized* book, page 165, paragraph 2, to the subheading on page 168. Have some in the audience relate published experiences that show how the unity and love of Jehovah's Witnesses resulted in a witness.

**15 min:** "Kingdom News No. 38 to Be Distributed in November!" Questions and answers. Distribute a copy of *Kingdom News* No. 38 to each one in attendance. Invite the service overseer to outline local arrangements for covering the territory. Using the brief sample presentation on page 4, demonstrate how the *Kingdom News* may be offered.

Song 53 and Prayer

## Kingdom News No. 38 to Be Distributed in November!

<sup>1</sup> Death is an enemy of all people, regardless of their beliefs. (1 Cor. 15:26) Many wonder where the dead are and whether they will see them again. Therefore, congregations

1. What questions do people have about the dead, and how will these concerns be addressed in November?

around the earth will participate in a month-long distribution of *Kingdom News* No. 38, entitled "Can the Dead Really Live Again?" This special campaign will begin on November 1. After the special distribution, *Kingdom News* No. 38 will be used in the ministry as a tract.

<sup>2</sup> **How It Is Designed:** *Kingdom News* No. 38 is designed to be folded lengthwise so that the front shows the intriguing title along with the words "Would you say . . . yes? no? maybe?" When the reader opens the *Kingdom News*, he will see what the Bible says in answer to the title question and what the Bible's promise can mean for him. He will also see reasons why he can believe the Bible. The back of the *Kingdom News* poses an interesting question for him to think about and invites him to learn more.

<sup>3</sup> **How It Will Be Distributed:** This campaign will be similar to campaigns for distributing Memorial and district convention invitations. The elders will provide direction on how the local territory will be covered, in harmony with the letter they received dated April 1, 2013. Congregations with limited territory can offer to help nearby congregations that have more territory. When obtaining your supply of *Kingdom News* No. 38, remember to take only the amount that you will need for one week. During the campaign, copies may be distributed in public witnessing after all the house-to-house territories have been worked. If all copies are placed before the end of the month, the literature offer should be featured. On the first Saturday, we will focus on participating in the special campaign rather than on starting Bible studies. On weekends, we should also offer the magazines when appropriate. Are you making arrangements to have a full share in this special campaign?

2. How is *Kingdom News* No. 38 designed?

3. How will *Kingdom News* No. 38 be distributed?

## WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 21

Song 33 and Prayer

### □ **Congregation Bible Study:**

*jr* chap. 15 ¶13-20 (30 min.)

### □ **Theocratic Ministry School:**

**Bible reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1–2 Thessalonians 3 (10 min.)

**No. 1:** 1 Thessalonians 2:9-20 (4 min. or less)

**No. 2:** What Can We Learn From the Good and the Bad Things That Solomon Did? —Rom. 15:4 (5 min.)

**No. 3:** What Is the Bible's Viewpoint as to Interfaith?—*rs* p. 325 ¶1–p. 326 ¶1 (5 min.)

### □ **Service Meeting:**

Song 125

**15 min:** What Do We Learn? Discussion. Have Mark 1:40-42, Mark 7:32-35, and Luke 8:43-48 read. Consider how these accounts can help us in our ministry.

**15 min:** “Use Our Web Site to Teach Your Children.” Questions and answers. When considering paragraph 3, explain where to find the “Parents’ Guide” and give an example of the instructions found there. When considering paragraph 4, invite comments on how families have made good use of our official Web site for their family worship.

Song 88 and Prayer

## Use Our Web Site to Teach Your Children

<sup>1</sup> Our Web site, [jw.org](http://jw.org), is designed to appeal to people of all ages. The section of the Web site entitled “Children” (go to Bible Teachings > Children) helps young children and their parents to draw close to one another and to Jehovah. (Deut. 6:6, 7) How can you use this section to teach your children?

<sup>2</sup> **Be Adaptable:** Each child has unique

1. What is the objective of the section of our Web site entitled “Children”?
2. How can you select age-appropriate material to study with your children?

needs. (1 Cor. 13:11) How, then, can you select age-appropriate material to study with your children? Ask yourself: ‘What will capture my children’s interest? How much will they understand? How long is their attention span?’ With children who are three years of age or younger, you might discuss the stories found under “My Bible Lessons.” Other families enjoy the Bible stories in the section “Teach Your Children.” Also, consider the following options.

<sup>3</sup> **Family Worship Projects:** These projects are tools to help family heads study with their children. To learn how to use the stories and activities, click the download button, and read the “Parents’ Guide” for each project. Use picture activities, such as coloring pages, to teach younger children. Help older children to complete the study activities. All the activities in each project relate to the same Bible story or lesson, so children of all ages can participate in the same family worship project.

<sup>4</sup> **Become Jehovah’s Friend:** The videos, songs, and activities in this section of our Web site help parents to inculcate God’s Word into their little children. (Deut. 31:12) Each short animated video teaches an important lesson. Activities such as search-and-find games underscore those lessons. Since children often like to sing—and songs help children to remember what they have learned—Kingdom songs and songs written especially for children are posted regularly.

<sup>5</sup> Parents, Jehovah wants you to be successful mothers and fathers. So ask him to help you teach your children the truth. (Judg. 13:8) With Jehovah’s support, you can train your children to become “wise for salvation through the faith in connection with Christ Jesus.”—2 Tim. 3:15; Prov. 4:1-4.

3. How can parents effectively use the stories and activities found under “Family Worship Projects”?
4. What can be found in the section “Become Jehovah’s Friend”?
5. Why should parents ask Jehovah to help them to teach their children the truth?

## WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 28

Song 31 and Prayer

### ❑ **Congregation Bible Study:**

*j/* p. 3 and Lessons 1-2 (30 min.)

### ❑ **Theocratic Ministry School:**

**Bible reading:** 1 Timothy 1–2 Timothy 4 (10 min.)

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

### ❑ **Service Meeting:**

Song 61

**5 min:** “What Will You Do During the Holidays?” Talk.

**10 min: Highlight the Practical Value of the Good News.** Discussion based on the *Ministry School* book, page 159. Demonstrate how the *Bible Teach* book might be presented by using an issue of local concern.

**15 min: The Importance of Being on Time.** Discussion. (1) How does Jehovah set a good example of being punctual? (Hab. 2:3) (2) How does our being on time for meetings and the ministry show respect for Jehovah and consideration for others? (3) How are the field service group and the conductor affected when we are late for the meeting for field service? (4) If we tell an interested person or Bible student that we will return at a certain time, why is it important that we be prompt? (Matt. 5:37) (5) What practical suggestions will help us to be on time for appointments in our ministry and for congregation meetings? Song 69 and Prayer

## Theocratic Ministry School Review

The following questions will be considered at the Theocratic Ministry School during the week beginning October 28, 2013.

1. What does it mean to have “the mind of Christ”? (1 Cor. 2:16) [Sept. 2, *w08* 7/15 p. 27 par. 7]
2. In what ways do we “flee from fornication”? (1 Cor. 6:18) [Sept. 2, *w08* 7/15 p. 27 par. 9; *w04* 2/15 p. 12 par. 9]
3. What did Paul mean when he wrote that women should “keep silent in the

congregations”? (1 Cor. 14:34) [Sept. 9, *w12* 9/1 p. 9, box]

4. How should Paul’s words recorded at 2 Corinthians 1:24 affect elders today? [Sept. 16, *w13* 1/15 p. 27 pars. 2-3]
5. How may we be guided by the statement found at 2 Corinthians 9:7? [Sept. 23, *g* 5/08 p. 21, box]
6. How may we benefit from heeding Paul’s counsel found at Galatians 6:4? [Sept. 30, *w12* 12/15 p. 13 par. 18]
7. What does it mean “to observe the oneness of the spirit”? (Eph. 4:3) [Oct. 7, *w12* 7/15 p. 28 par. 7]
8. How did Paul feel about the things he had left behind? (Phil. 3:8) [Oct. 14, *w12* 3/15 p. 27 par. 12]
9. What is the import of the counsel: “Let us not sleep on as the rest do”? (1 Thess. 5:6) [Oct. 21, *w12* 3/15 p. 10 par. 4]
10. How was Jesus’ sacrificial death “a corresponding ransom”? (1 Tim. 2:6) [Oct. 28, *w11* 6/15 p. 13 par. 11]

## What Will You Do During the Holidays?

Because many people are home from work during religious and national holidays, these are often good times for us to share in the ministry. Congregations are encouraged to make special arrangements for holiday witnessing. If many in the territory will be sleeping later than usual, it would be good to adjust the time for the meeting for field service. An announcement may be made during the Service Meeting informing the congregation of any special arrangements for holiday witnessing and encouraging all who can to participate. Of course, holidays also afford us time to rest or to care for personal matters. But why not set aside part of the day for the ministry? Then you will enjoy the refreshment that comes from engaging in sacred service.—Matt. 11:29, 30.

## WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 4

Song 116 and Prayer

### ❑ Congregation Bible Study:

*jl* Lessons 3-4 (30 min.)

### ❑ Theocratic Ministry School:

**Bible reading:** Titus 1–Philemon (10 min.)

**No. 1:** Titus 2:1-15 (4 min. or less)

**No. 2:** Is Belonging to an Organized Religion Necessary?—*rs* p. 326 ¶2–p. 327 ¶2 (5 min.)

**No. 3:** Why We Should Not “Pay Attention to False Stories”—1 Tim. 1:3, 4; 2 Tim. 4:3, 4 (5 min.)

### ❑ Service Meeting:

Song 95

**10 min:** Ideas for Offering the Magazines in November. Discussion based on the following questions: When appropriate, why should we offer the magazines on week-ends while sharing in the distribution of *Kingdom News* No. 38? What would be appropriate opportunities to do so? What could we say to make the transition from the *Kingdom News* to the magazines? Demonstrate how each issue may be offered along with *Kingdom News* No. 38.

**10 min:** Local needs.

**10 min:** The Word of God Exerts Power. (Heb. 4:12) Discussion based on the 2013 *Yearbook*, page 57, paragraph 1, to page 59, paragraph 3. Invite audience to comment on the lessons learned.

Song 114 and Prayer

## Announcements

■ Literature offer for **October:** The *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines. **November:** Special campaign distribution of *Kingdom News* No. 38, “Can the Dead Really Live Again?” **December:** *What Does the Bible Really Teach?* **January and February:** *Good News From God!* or one of the following 32-page brochures: *Does God Really Care About Us?*, *What Is the Purpose of Life?—How Can You Find It?*, or *You Can Be God’s Friend!*

## Sample Presentations

### *Kingdom News* No. 38

“I’m sharing in a worldwide campaign to distribute this important message. Here is your copy.”

*Note: In order to cover the territory, keep your presentation brief. However, in some cases the householder may show genuine interest and may wish to converse. If so, you can ask his opinion about the question on the front, read to him the Bible’s answer as shown inside, and consider a portion of the tract’s contents, as time allows. Before leaving, show him the “To Think About” question on the back and arrange to return and discuss it.*

### THE WATCHTOWER® November 1 ANNOUNCING JEHOWAH’S KINGDOM

“In your opinion, what’s the biggest lie that has been told about God? [Allow for response.] According to the Bible, God wants people to love and trust him. [Read Isaiah 41:13.] This magazine exposes three common lies about God that have made it difficult for some to draw close to him.”

### *Awake!*® November

“We are making a brief visit because many people are concerned that moral values seem to be eroding. Do you think that society has lowered its moral standards? [Allow for response.] The Bible foretold that people’s attitude and behavior would change. [Read 2 Timothy 3:1-5.] This magazine discusses why we can trust the moral values found in the Bible.”

## Field Service Highlights

Up to the end of May, 1,987 have symbolized their dedication by water baptism. With 58,859 home Bible studies being conducted, the prospects seem good for further increase in the months to come. Ireland had a 3 per cent increase in publishers over the same month last year. Some couples from the Bible School for Christian Couples have been assigned to Ireland to give impetus to the preaching work as well as to help strengthen the congregations.



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