
CHARACTER

UNIT OVERVIEW

We live in a world where the qualities of humility and joy are lacking. In his interactions with people, Jesus exhibited these qualities, and in order for us to also have them, we must follow Jesus.

In this unit, the students will learn about the character of Jesus and about the heart Jesus had toward other people. These lessons will challenge them as they compare themselves to Jesus. It will also encourage them to learn that being a disciple is not a system of rule following, but a life that is submitted to Christ because we love him and want to follow him.

UNIT GOALS

- The students will learn that who they are on the inside is the most important thing to God.
- The students will learn that helping and serving others is being like Jesus.
- The students will demonstrate humility in their interactions with others.

UNIT CONTENTS

LESSON 1 THE HUMILITY OF JESUS

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4

Humility is something that, as disciples, we know we need to strive for. Yet, humility is something that can be very elusive unless we guard our hearts closely. In order to achieve the type of humility which is pleasing to God, we need to follow the example of the Master. In this lesson, we will look at Jesus as he performs a convicting act of humility, washing the feet of his disciples.

LESSON 2 THE CONVICTION OF JESUS

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE

PSALM 69:9

If a friend of yours were asked to describe your conviction level, what would they say? Our convictions need to be obvious and active in our daily lives. Today's lesson will make it clear that Jesus never left anyone wondering about the depth of his convictions.

LESSON 3 THE JOY OF JESUS

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE

MARK 10:15

If we try to define the word "joy" in concrete terms, all we need to do is describe the look on the face of a child who has just discovered something new, or is happily at play with friends. The joy of a child is the purest kind for it is full of hope and excitement. This is kind of joy that Jesus has and he give us reason to have also—in our hearts, on our faces and in our lives.

Unit 3 at a Glance



Preteens



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Dear Parent,

On the reverse side of this page you will find an outline and description of the lessons which comprise this unit. The weekly scripture memory verse is listed with each lesson synopsis.

As part of the class experience, students are given a weekly challenge. Below is a list of the challenges given with the lessons:

LESSON 1 THE HUMILITY OF JESUS

Weekly Challenge: Be humble by serving someone at home, at school or at church every day this week.

LESSON 2 THE CONVICTION OF JESUS

Weekly Challenge: Make a commitment to take a stand this week for something that is right.

LESSON 3: THE JOY OF JESUS

Challenge: Have a conversation in fellowship with an adult whom you do not know. Ask the following questions: (1) What is your name? (2) How long have you been a disciple? (3) What are you studying in your quiet times? (4) Who are your best friends in the church?

Each preteen is to have a quiet time journal published by DPI. Each day's study will reinforce the topics being taught on Sundays and midweeks, and should be completed in ten to fifteen minutes.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways for you to reinforce these lessons at home:

- Talk about Jesus with your child and find out what he or she is learning about him.
- Ask your child to describe the kind of person Jesus was when he lived on earth.
- In your discussions, present different situations to your child and ask your child how he or she thinks Jesus would handle them. Encourage the responses.
- Share specific life-changing times that you've had recently in your relationship with Jesus.
- Review the memory verse before bedtime, at dinner or while riding in the car.
- Have quiet times with your child or ask what he or she is learning in daily times guided by the quiet time journal.
- While eating dinner, talk about something that your child really enjoyed about Bible class this week.
- Ask your child to share with you how he or she is doing with the weekly challenge. Give encouragement or direction as needed.
- Have a family devotional using the memory verse (or parallel verses) this week.
- Allow your child to share with younger siblings what he or she is learning in class.

We look forward to being partners with you as we help Generation Next to be zealous and effective as they move forward the kingdom of our God.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers