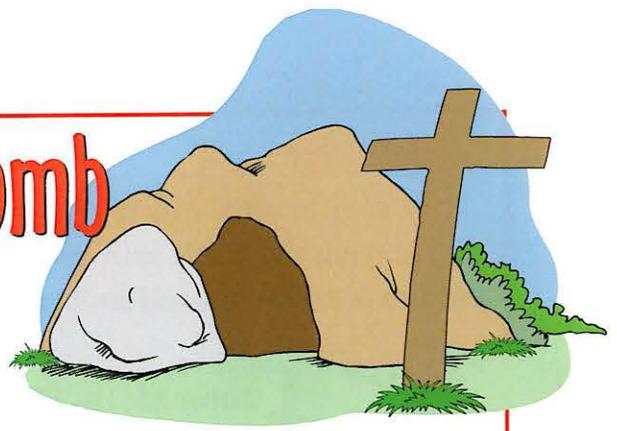


The Cross & the Empty Tomb



Lesson 6

Jesus Prepares the Apostles

Theme: Obedience — Bearing fruit for God

Memory Verses

“But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb ... And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus ... [and] men said to them, ‘Why do you seek the living One among the dead?’ He is not here, but He has risen.” Luke 24:1-6

Daily Bible Readings

Thursday	John 15:1-17
Friday	John 15:18-27
Saturday	John 16:1-16
Monday	John 17:1-12
Tuesday	John 17:13-23

Jesus came to the world to do the most important work in all of history. He came to save the world from sin. Jesus came to the world as a man to do this great and important work, but to do it He would have to leave the world. Jesus chose twelve men who would continue His work after He left.

We know these twelve men as Jesus’ apostles — men who would represent Him to the world. Just before He left the world, Jesus spent a lot of time with the apostles talking to them about their work and encouraging them. He talked to them about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit.



John 15:1-17

Match the following:

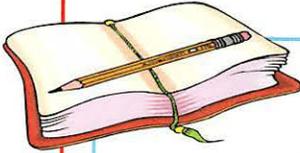
Vine	Father
Vinedresser	Disciples
Branches	Jesus

A branch is supposed to bear _____.

True or False? The greatest love anyone can show is to die for his friend.

God the Father

It is difficult for us to understand how God is the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, but this is what the Bible tells us. He is not three Gods, but one God. Though as one God, God expresses Himself in three roles. God the Father is the One who planned to save



John 15:18-27

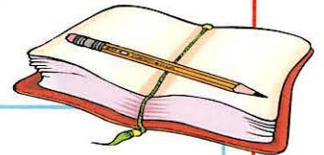
If people respect the master, they will treat the master's slaves with:

hatred respect disgust

the world from sin. Long ago, He promised to bless Abraham and through Abraham to bless the world. This meant that the Father would send His Son to the world to be the Savior. We may think of the Father as the one who planned and promised to save the world from sin.

Jesus called the Father the vinedresser or gardener (John 15:1). He planned the

vineyard. He prepared the ground. He cares for the vine and its branches. He acts so the vine will bear fruit and He removes dead branches that don't bear fruit.



God the Son

God the Son is the One who carried out the work of saving the world. The Father sent the Son to save the world, and the Son came to do His Father's will. Jesus was born into the world as a man. He was Jesus of Nazareth. His work was to die for the world's sin. The Father and the Son worked closely together. The Father gave Jesus words that He spoke and works that He carried out.

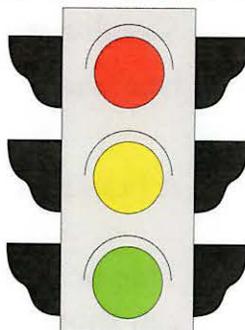
John 16:1-16

After Jesus went away, He sent the Holy Spirit to convict the world of:

judgment sin kings
righteousness vines

Jesus came to the world from the Father to do the Father's work. We may think of Jesus as the One who worked to save the world from sin. The Father planned and promised to save the world, and the Son carried out this work. When He finished His work on earth, Jesus returned to the Father. In this way, He prepared a way for others to be God's people.

I let people know I try to follow Jesus.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — not very often

Yellow — sometimes

Green — always



God the Spirit

Jesus said that when He left the world He would send a Helper to His men. This Helper was the Holy Spirit. The Spirit guided the apostles in the work they did. He also came to be with people who followed Jesus.

Jesus called the Holy Spirit the Spirit of truth. The truth the Spirit made known was from God about His Son and how people can be saved in Him. People needed to know this truth was from God and not just from men. The Holy Spirit continued God's work by guiding certain men so the words they spoke and wrote were God's words. By guiding these men, the Spirit gave us the Bible to tell us about Jesus and how to be saved in Him.

John 17:1-12

In verse 3, Jesus says "eternal life" is knowing _____.

The Apostles' Work

God wants people to know and love Him. He worked long and hard so people can be His people. God had to take His people from among sinners and help them with



John 17:13-23

Jesus prayed that these would all be one:

Pharisees God apostles Jesus
believers Satan

Match the following:

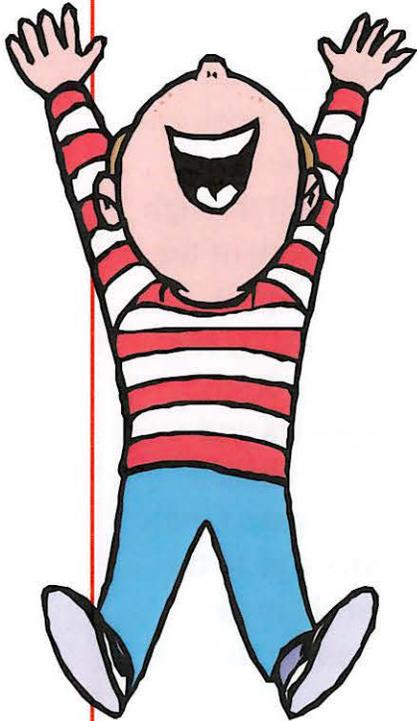
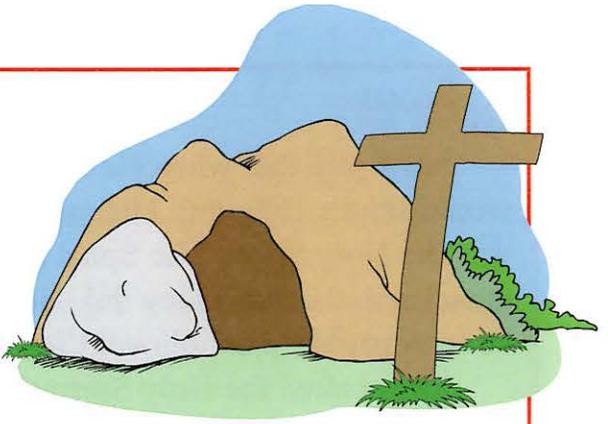
Father	carried out the work of saving the world
Followers	told the world about Jesus
Spirit	planned to save the world from sin
Son	love and listen to Jesus
Apostles	represented Jesus to the world

the problem of sin. God did this great work through His Son, Jesus Christ, and told the world about it through the work of the Holy Spirit. Guided by the Spirit, Jesus' apostles and other chosen men gave God's message to the world in the

form of the Bible. The Bible is the most important book in the world because it tells us about God and how we can be His people.

Think About It...

Your best friend, Caitlyn, told the teacher a lie about another girl, Michelle. Caitlyn said Michelle cheated on her assignment. Michelle said she didn't do it, and now the teacher doesn't know who to believe. She has asked you to tell her if you know the truth. Will you tell the truth and get your best friend in trouble? Write down what you think about in making this decision.



I Know My Bible Facts!

Which book in the Bible is about practical living for Jesus?

Write the names of the twelve apostles:

Peter, _____, James, John, _____,

_____, Matthew, _____,

_____ the son of _____, Simon,

_____, and Judas.

On a map, use the eraser end of your pencil to point out Caesarea.