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Letter to the Parents

Dear Parents,

The lessons in this class will allow your children to learn about Jesus and help them develop a foundation in Christ so that they can grow in their knowledge of God's Holy Word.

Unit I, "Caring for Our Neighbors," has five lessons that challenge learners to work together toward common ends in the home, the community, and in relationships both locally and globally based on love and respect. Our responsibility to and for one another extends to minding our bodily health (lesson 2), serving one another as to serve Christ (lesson 3), understanding the God-given diversity in the world (lesson 4), and accepting Jesus' testimony of truth and peace (lesson 5).

Unit II, "Caring for Our Families and Community," explores the promise of eternal life and our obligations in this life. Lesson 6 focuses on the promise of bodily resurrection for followers of Jesus. Lesson 7 encourages us to honor God's order of the appointment of leaders. Lessons 8 and 9 turn to children as models of kingdom life and outline family members' roles.

Unit III, "Caring for Ourselves as God's Children," explores the Christian's duty to society in the context of allegiance to God in Christ. Lesson 10 discusses repentance and forgiveness. Lessons 11-13 present biblical perspectives on labor, using wealth faithfully and generously, and having a work/rest balance. The quarter concludes with a lesson that emphasizes the need to assemble before God regularly.

Your Child's Teacher



Showing and Being Shown Kindness

Lesson Scriptures: Mark 12:28-34; James 2:14-17



Key Verse

"To love [God] with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." (Mark 12:33)





Showing and Being Shown Kindness

(Mark 12:28-34; James 2:14-17)

A man asked Jesus, "What is the most important rule?"

Jesus said, "Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. And love people as you love yourself."

The man said, "You are right."

Jesus was happy and said, "You are close to understanding God's kingdom."

How helpful is it to say you believe in Jesus and not help others? Is it helpful if a friend is cold and hungry and you tell the friend, "I hope you keep warm and get some food soon"? If you say you love Jesus but do not help people, then you do not really love Jesus.

For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In today's lesson, your child heard that Jesus says the most important commandment is to love God with all our heart, and the second important commandment is to love other people as we love ourselves. If we say we believe in Jesus, then our actions should match our words. We should celebrate the gift of salvation by helping others. To reinforce today's lesson, encourage your child to help others daily.

Your Child's Teacher

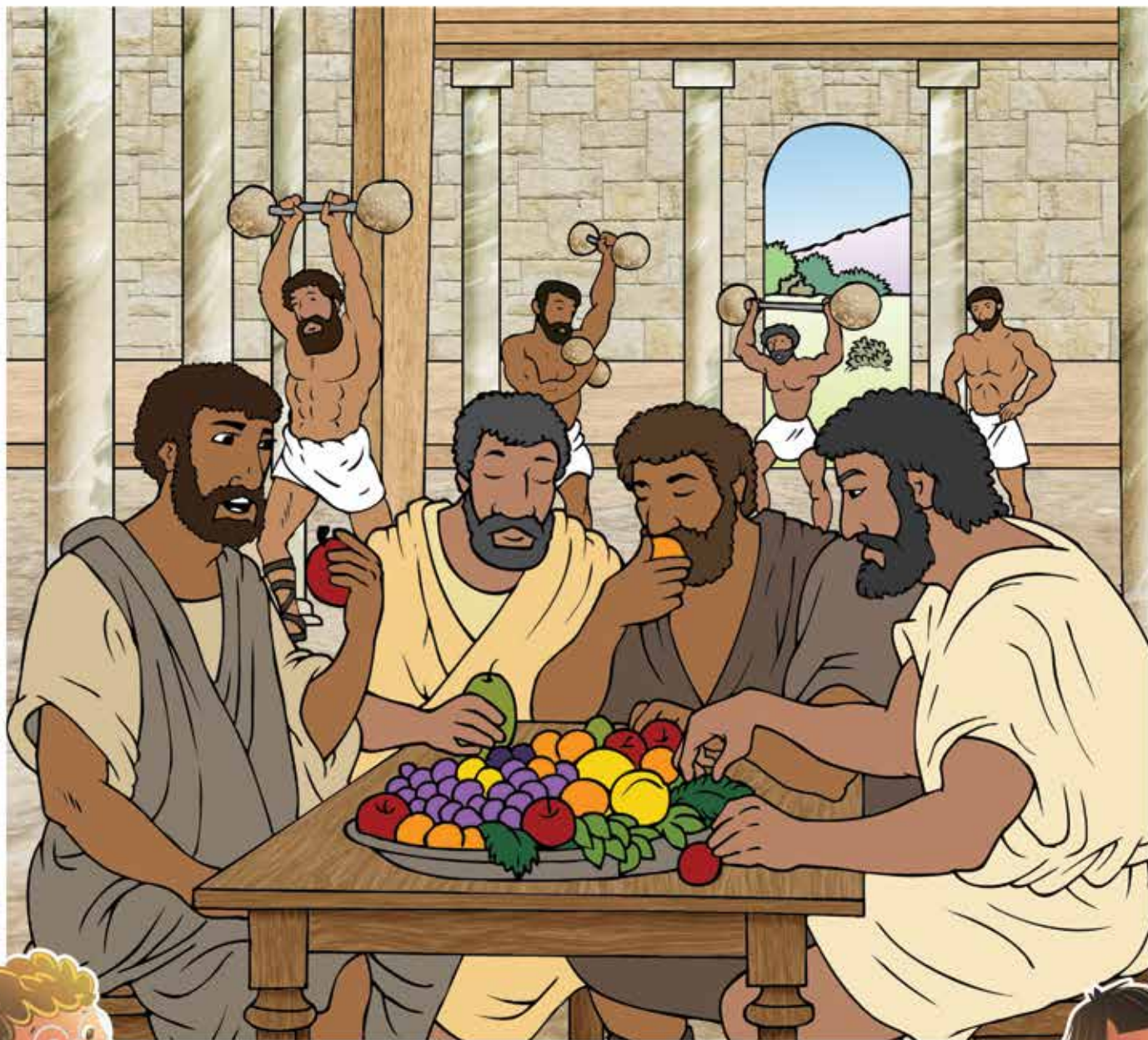
Faith Block

We love and help others!



Healthy Habits

Lesson Scriptures: Daniel 1:8-17; 1 Timothy 4:7-8



Key Verses

Train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. (1 Timothy 4:7b-8)





Healthy Habits

(Daniel 1:8-17; 1 Timothy 4:7-8)

Daniel and his friends were captured by a king who wanted them to eat special food that God did not see as healthy.

Daniel said, "Let us eat what God wants for ten days and see if we are healthy."

They were allowed to eat vegetables and drink water. They looked healthier than everyone who ate the king's special food. God was pleased with Daniel and his friends. God gave them *wisdom* (power to make good choices). He helped them learn many things. Daniel learned to understand dreams.

Do not waste time on things that are not healthy. Obey God, and you will be strong and happy now and forever.

Faith Block

**Obeying God
makes me strong!**



For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In today's lesson, your child heard how Daniel and his friends obeyed God. Eating healthy foods and drinking water can make us physically strong and smart, but obeying God is even healthier because it helps our hearts and minds now and forever. To reinforce today's lesson, encourage your child to make godly and healthy choices. For example, take your child on a grocery store scavenger hunt for healthy snacks, and help him or her memorize 1 Timothy 4:7b-8.

Your Child's Teacher

Everybody Needs Somebody

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 25:34-46



Key Verse

"[God] will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'" (Matthew 25:45)





Everybody Needs Somebody

(Matthew 25:34-46)

Jesus said, "When I return, I will tell the good people who helped Me when I was hungry, thirsty, sick, without clothes, and in prison to come and be happy with Me forever!"

They will ask, "When did we help You?"

Jesus will say, "Whenever you helped your *neighbors* (anyone in need), you helped Me. Come get your reward!"

Jesus will tell the people who did not help anyone, "Go away from Me."

They will ask, "When did we not help You?"

Jesus will answer, "Whenever you did not help your neighbors, you did not help Me. You will be punished and sent to a sad place."

For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In today's lesson, your child heard Jesus' story about how we should treat our neighbors. Jesus wants us to be kind and help everyone around us, no matter who they are, just as we would help Him. To reinforce today's lesson, ask your child what he or she would like to do to help a neighbor, and work with your child to make something happen soon.

Your Child's Teacher

Faith Block

**I will help my
neighbor!**



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