



**In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit, one true God.**

**Glory to Him, and may His grace and mercy
be upon us for ever. Amen.**

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PRIMARY
(Years 3 and 4 in UK Schools)

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PREFACE

Dear associates in Christ,

Malankara Jacobite Syrian Sunday School Association (M.J.S.S.A.) is functioning as a spiritual organization of the Church, with its headquarters at Puthencruz, in order that the children of the members of Jacobite Syrian Christian Church would nurture depending and fearing in God; they would realize and experience Christ and the light of Christ would enlighten the society through them; and they would become virtue-based citizens by learning the Bible, true faith, history, prayers and liturgy of the Church. On every Sunday, classes are conducted after the Holy Qurbana in a structured way having textbooks from Class I to XII.

Accepting the continuous request of our students, teachers, parents, Reverend priests and Their Eminences Metropolitans to revise the textbooks as per the needs of the present era, M.J.S.S.A. presents such a more attractive and student-centred text book. This new curriculum tries to introduce Jesus Christ to our kids in various ways such as games, drawings, colourings, songs, and stories.

Mastertrainers of the Educational Department has given leadership in this challenging endeavour. M.J.S.S.A. is much obliged to Rev. Fr. Varghese Paul Thombra, Mr. T.C. Alias Master, Rev. Fr. Eldhose Karuthedathu, Rev. Fr. Jijo Varghese, Rev. Fr. Shaji Varghese, Rev. Fr. Jaison Blayil, Rev. Fr. Jyothis Pothara, Mr. Eldhose Mathew, Mr. A.G. Alias Master, Mr. Siju Paul, and Mr. P.V. George. Along with gratefully acknowledging the contributions of the Executive Committee Member Mr. P.V. Jacob as the Coordinator of the Curriculum Committee, M.J.S.S.A. appreciates the efforts of all the Curriculum Committee members. Express special thanks to Rev. Fr. Varghese Paul Thombra, co-ordinator Sri. P.V. Jacob and T.C. Alias Master for their sincere efforts in English translation work. Sincere gratitude also goes to Smart Creations Angamali and Modern Graphics Angamali for the design works. M.J.S.S.A. presents this new text book curriculum with authentic approval, after several discussions and meetings presided by the President of M.J.S.S.A. His Eminence Mor Aphrem Mathews Metropolitan.

For,
Executive Committee
Chev. M.J. Markose (General Secretary)

To the Parents



Dear parents,

“Let the children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs” (St. Matthew 19:14). Children are the gifts of God. They are good. But today’s world leads human beings to evils. On one hand there are alcohol, drugs, overwhelming influence of media; and on the other anger, hatred, disobedience, and disrespect towards parents and elders... How far our kids are interested in spiritual matters...? Have you ever thought of it? What is its reason?

They have not received true divine feeling. Therefore, unless we grow them carefully today, we may have to regret tomorrow. This textbook is prepared to help the kids nurturing in spiritual experience as well as enhancing their knowledge. And this book becomes worthy, only when the lessons are taught in the intended way. Some activities could be done only with the help of parents. Your dedication and time are necessary for the kids to learn the lessons accurately which is taught on every Sunday. If so, we will surely be able to develop a generation which is filled with Divine Love.

To the Parents



The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Go through the book and see...

What all things are prepared for you...

To know, to learn, and to worship God with a fearing heart...

Lot of space is there in these beautiful pages...

To colour, to sing, to speak, to share and to enact...

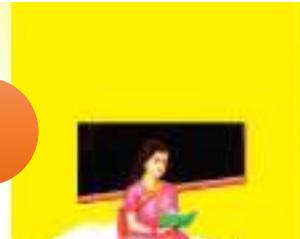
Come,

Let us move forward in the image of Christ.

Let us grow by holding Christian values.

Let us advance by knowing our society and nature.

To the JSOC, UK Sunday School Teachers



Dear Teachers,

This textbook for the Primary group (the children attending Year 3 and 4 in the UK Schools) of our Sunday Schools in UK is the specially adapted version of the MJSSA Class III and IV textbooks. It is designed to be taught in the Sunday Schools, which don't have the prospect of having all the ten classes according to the MJSSA Syllabus. This book is planned to be taught in 20+ Sunday School sessions over two academic years. Where there is a session only once a month, prior to each lesson, the work sheets and activities of each lesson may need to be assigned for doing at home with parental help, so that the teachers will be able to cover one lesson each per Sunday School Session. For each lesson the teachers may kindly refer to the specially prepared teacher's handbook sent electronically, to present these lessons effectively to the UK circumstances.

I am much obliged to the MJSSA and its educational department for producing such wonderful modern textbooks for all the classes and that we are allowed to adapt it to our limited situation. I express my earnest gratitude to the UK Patriarchal Vicar H.G Dr. Matthews Mor Anthimos for inspiring and guiding these adapted text books for UK. The effort of the 25 teachers in the 5 different textbook committees, who has supported the project with their valuable suggestions is also gratefully remembered here. Without the formatting and textual assistance offered by Mr. George John of the St. Mary's Church, Manchester, this would have been impossible. Thank you, George, for your valuable time and support.

This textbook is an attempt to introduce Jesus Christ to a child in relation to his/her own day-to-day living circumstances, not only by speaking and reading, but by thinking and acting also. You are requested to confirm that the aim and message of every chapter are communicated effectively to each child through the lesson and its activities. I don't need to mention specially that the message of each chapter is communicated properly only by enough prayer and preparation. May every child be able to realize and experience Jesus Christ through you and through each lesson.

Your' in the Service of the Lord
Fr. Dr. Biji Chirathilattu Markose
On the Feast of Epiphany, 2019

Dear Teachers,

Sunday Schools in UK vary widely in terms of the number of teachers and students. Sunday Schools in UK may be broadly divided into the following two categories –

- **Small Sunday Schools:** The number of teachers is less than 10, or teachers are not available for each year, or there are very few children making it difficult to hold separate classes for each year.
- **Large Sunday Schools:** The number of teachers is 10 or more, and there are sufficient students in the year groups, allowing for separate classes to be held for each year.

These textbooks have been designed to cater to the needs of both the Small and Large Sunday Schools.

- **Small Sunday Schools** should have combined classes for Years 3 and 4 students, and should alternatively teach Year 3 syllabus in one year and Year 4 syllabus in the next year. Annual Exams would be held only for the syllabus taught during the year. Students would move from Primary Group to the Sub-Juniors group after completing the syllabus for Years 3 and 4, over a 2-year period.
- **Large Sunday Schools** should have separate classes for Years 3 and 4. Year 3 students would move to Year 4 at the end of the year. Year 3 students would move to Year 4 at the end of the year.

The teachers and the Parish Vicar should jointly decide if their Sunday School is Small or Large.

Yours in the Service of the Lord
Fr. Philip Thomas



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PART 1. PRAYER

Karunakal niranjirikkunnavane!
uyarppudhivasathil ninte shrushtiye
puthuthaakaname. Karthave! ninnilulla
sharanathodukoode nidrapraapichu ninte
varavinu nokki ppaarthirikkunna
njangalude vaangippoyavare nee
ashwasippichu punyappeduthaname.
Karthave! Ninte sharanathinmel
nidrapraapicha ninte dhaasare-
Abraahaminteyum Isahaakkinteyum
Yakkobinteyum madiyil vasippikkaname.
Vannavanum varunnavanum
marichupoyavare
uyarppikkunnavanumaayavan
vaazhthappettavanaakunnu ennu
shareerangalum aathmaakkalum
orumichu attahasichu
parayumaaraakaname. Amen.

O Merciful Lord, renew Your
creation on the day of resurrection.

O Lord, grant rest and comfort to
our beloved departed ones who
have lived and died with hope in
You.

O Lord grant rest to our faithful
departed in the bosom of
Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

May the souls and bodies together
cry aloud and say: Glory be to the
one who has come and is to come
to resurrect the departed. Amen

PART 2. QURBANA SONGS

(Luke 12:37)

1. Yachamaan varumannerathunarvullora...ayi than
Munthirithoppil paniyaayi kaanmoro dhanyaraam
Pakalellaam than koodeppanithor.....
kkavanara kettiparikarmicheedum
Thaathaniruthum meshakkaai parikarmikkum suthan
Roohkkudhisha aarakkaleethamudayu....nnoro...mudi
Haleluyya....choodummakudathil.

1. Blessed are those servants good whom the
Lord shall find Wakeful, working when He
comes to His vineyard good Girding up His
loins he serves them all. They who worked
with Him from morn till eve, God the Father
makes them sit and the Son serves them Lo,
the Holy Paraclete, plaites them victor's
crowns Halleluiah – setting on their heads.

2. Orupolingum (MorThoma)
Undemelumninorma
Uthakanameninpraarthannin
Ormayebahumaanichorkkaal.
StaumenkalosKuriyelaison.

2. (O MorThoma) as in heav'n
Keep we here thy memory;
Hear us as we honour thee
Thy entreaties be our aid.
StaumenkalosKuriyelaison.

3. Maramathin-uyareKarthave
Kallanukittilyanintevaram
Thrithvathekondaadimari-
Chorumkaikkondeedenam.

3. May departed ones receive
Who confessed the Trinity
What was promised to the thief
Paradise with Thee. O Lord.

CHAPTER 1

ABRAHAM AND LOT

Bible Reference: Genesis 13 & 14

Bible Verse to Learn: "Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light."
(1 John 2:10)

Aims:

- To understand the bible verse, "those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen."



- ◆ Who is helping this differently abled child?
- ◆ Have you ever helped your friends like this?
- ◆ Have you ever received help from your friends?

Share Your Experience

In Class I, you have already learned about Abraham, the Father of the Faithful. While Abraham was living in Haran, one day God had appeared to him and said, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land I will show you. I will bless you." So Abraham, who was seventy five years old, started his journey along with his wife Sarah. He also let his brother Haran's son Lot to accompany him. Lot's father Haran had passed away earlier. They reached the land of Canaan which God had showed him and lived there for many years. But later, having been struck by a great famine, Abraham and Lot left Canaan and settled in Egypt (Misrem).

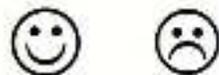
When they reached the land of Egypt, both Abraham and Lot were immensely rich. It was quite regular that the servants of Abraham and Lot quarrelled each other. Abraham realized that conflict was not good among brothers, and he decided to share his possessions with Lot. Abraham told Lot to take the land which he desired. Then Lot had looked around and selected the land of Sodom at the other side of River Jordan which was very fertile and beautiful like the Garden of Eden. Henceforth, Abraham lived in Canaan and Lot in Sodom.

One day, the land of Sodom was attacked by enemies. Being afraid of the strong hostile army, the king of Sodom ran away. The enemies had looted Sodom's each and every wealth, and took Lot and his companions as captives. Having heard that his brother's son was captured by enemies, Abraham went with his army and defeated the hostile army, and liberated Lot and his acquaintances.

I...

(Colour the smiling face 😊 for those are correct, and weeping face ☹️ for those are wrong:)

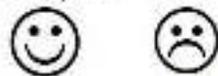
* I will share my toys with my brother/sister.



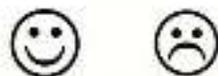
* I will help my brother/sister in studies.



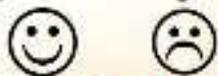
* I will quarrel with my brother/sister.



* I will rescue my brother/sister in a dangerous situation.



* I will speak only good things to my brother/sister.



Colouring:
Abraham and Sarah starting their journey from Haran



Give Exact Number according to the Order of Incidents

- ◆ Servants of Abraham and Lot quarrelled each other
- ◆ Abraham and Lot settled in Egypt.
- ◆ Canaan was struck by great famine.
- ◆ The king of Sodom got afraid and ran away.
- ◆ Abraham lived in Haran.
- ◆ Abraham let his brother Haran's son Lot to accompany him.
- ◆ Sodom was attacked by enemies.
- ◆ Abraham went with his army and liberated Lot and his acquaintances.
- ◆ Abraham decided to share his possessions with Lot.
- ◆ God appeared to Abraham.

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St. Matthew 25:40
**“Just as you did it to one of the least of these,
you did it to me.”**



Let us
participate
in the House
Construction
Program to the poor
done by MJSSA

What are the different ways in which we could share our brotherly love?

1. By providing physical help
2. By donating our blood
3. By helping financially
4. By providing food and clothing
5.
6.
7.

Answer the Following:

1. Who is known as the 'Father of the Faithful'?
2. What is the name of Abraham's wife?
3. Name the place where God appeared to Abraham?
4. Who was Lot?
5. Why did Abraham share his possessions with Lot?
6. What was the peculiarity of the place which was chosen by Lot?
7. Explain the incident in which Abraham showed his brotherly love?
8. Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in

Colour the Bible Verse:

Anyone who
loves their
brother and
sister lives in
the light.



CHAPTER 2

THE PRIME MINISTER OF EGYPT

Bible Reference: Genesis 39 to 41

Bible Verse to Learn: "Humble yourselves before the Lord,
and He will lift you up." (James 4:10)

Aims:

God will lift up in honour those who are God-fearing
and good in character.

Do you remember Who is this???



Listen to the Hints to identify the Person:

- ◆ Son of Jacob.
- ◆ God had given him the ability to interpret dreams.
- ◆ His brothers had thrown him in a pit.

Have you got the answer? Say aloud and write

After being lifted up from the pit, his brothers sold Joseph to Midianite traders for money. Then in Egypt, one of Pharaoh's officials and the captain of the guard, named Potiphar bought Joseph from the Midianite traders. Potiphar was pleased with Joseph's behaviour and character. But his wife did not. She used to harass and scourge him whenever she got a chance. By believing his wife's lies about Joseph, Potiphar put Joseph in a prison.

He was imprisoned along with two officials of Pharaoh; one was the king's chief cupbearer and the other one his chief baker.



One night, both the officials in the prison had different dreams. Without knowing the meaning of their dreams, each of them became very sad. Joseph asked them, "Why you both look very gloomy today?" "No one is here to interpret the meaning of our dreams," and they replied. And Joseph said to them, "Don't all interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me."



Dream of the Baker
(Teacher reads from *Genesis 40:16-19*)
Dream of the Cupbearer
(Teacher reads from *Genesis 40:9-13*)

Joseph prayed to God and explained them the meaning of their dreams. The meaning of the dreams was that the baker would be hanged up and the cupbearer would be restored back in Pharaoh's office within three days. On the third day, just as Joseph had interpreted to them, the chief baker was hanged and the chief cupbearer got his job back in Pharaoh's palace.



Joseph was still in the prison in loneliness.

Two years passed by. One night the king of Egypt Pharaoh himself had two different dreams. But both the dreams were more or less similar.



(Teacher reads aloud from Genesis 41:1-8)

Being frightful, suddenly Pharaoh woke up and he realized that it was dream. In the morning his mind was troubled; and so he called for all the magicians and wise men of Egypt. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was no one who could interpret them to him.

Immediately, the chief cupbearer remembered someone!!!
Can you guess, who is that???

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Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, "My Lord, the imprisoned young Hebrew named Joseph has a talent given by God to interpret the meaning of dreams. When I was in the prison, I had a dream; he interpreted it and so it turned out as he said."

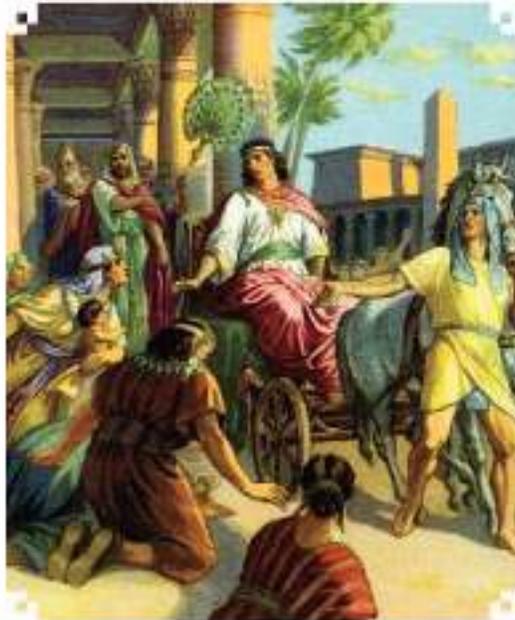
Then the king ordered, "Bring Joseph to me now itself."



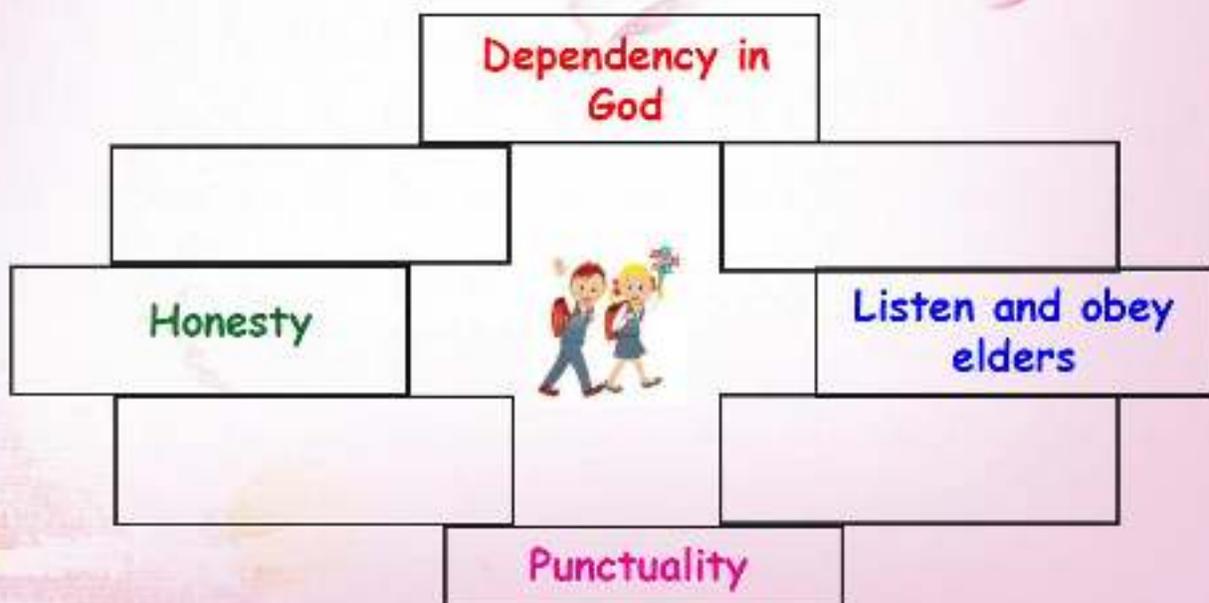
The men at the court brought Joseph to Pharaoh. Pharaoh explained his dream to Joseph. After hearing the king's dream carefully, Joseph prayed to God and started interpreting it:

"Oh mighty king, the seven good cows are the seven good years having great harvest and richness in the land; while the seven ugly cows are the seven years of famine. If food is stored properly during the good years, it will be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine."

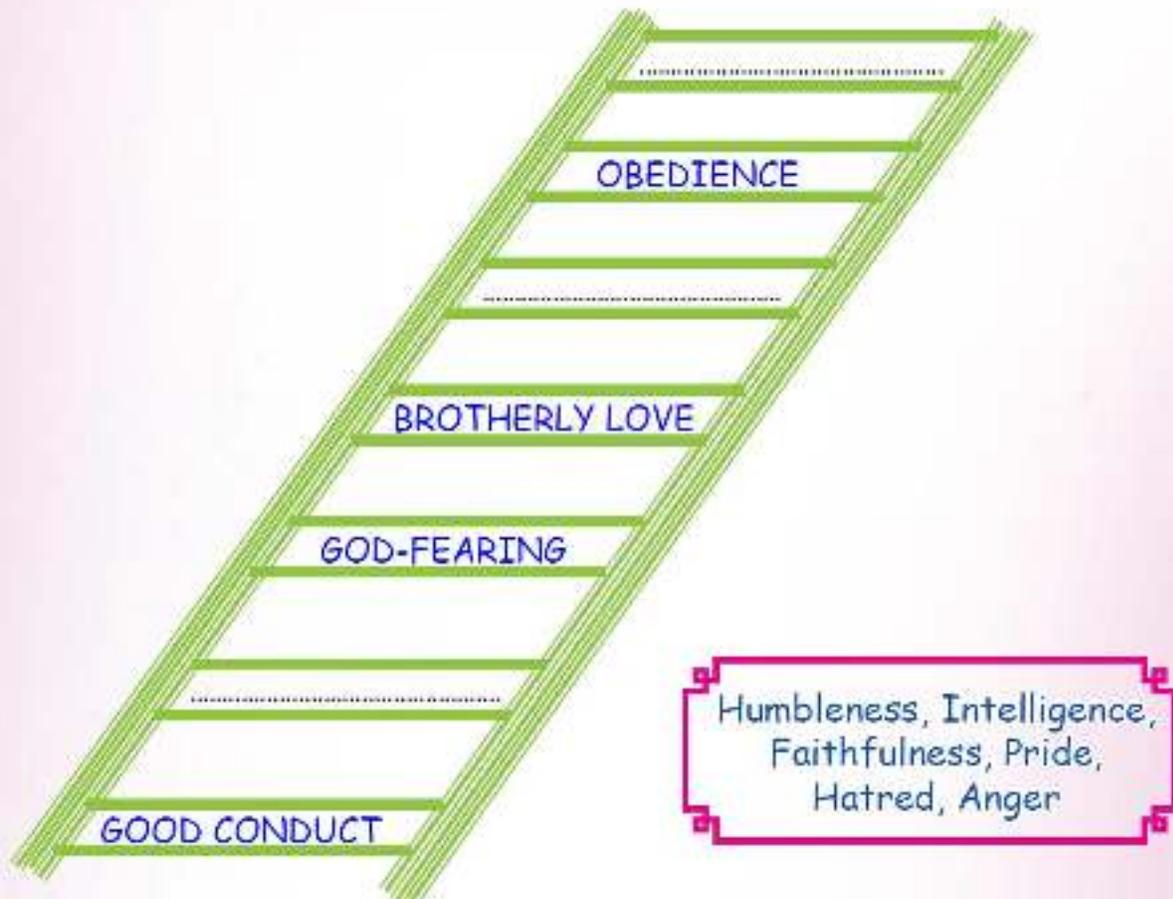
The king was very much pleased and appointed Joseph as the Prime Minister of Egypt. Then removing his signet ring from his hand, Pharaoh put it on Joseph's hand; he arrayed him in garments of fine linen, and put a gold chain around his neck. Afterwards he had him ride in his chariot.



Like Joseph, what are the good characters that you should have when you become a leader?



What are the reasons that God had lifted up Joseph from a Prison to a Prime Minister?
(Fill up the steps of the ladder by choosing correct answers from the coloumn, and colour it)



Answer the Following:

1. To whom did the Midianite traders sell Joseph?
2. Who were the other prisoners in jail along with Joseph?
3. Who gave Joseph the talent of interpreting dreams?
4. What was Pharaoh's dream?
5. What was the meaning of Pharaoh's dream?
6. How did Pharaoh honour Joseph after interpreting his dream?

CHAPTER 3

MOSES: THE LEADER OF ISRAEL

Bible Reference: Exodus chapters 3, 4, 5, 12 & 31

Bible Verse to Learn: "I can do great things through Him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

Aims:

- To do all things assigned by God in great commitment and dedication.
- To understand that if God is with us, we will become strong enough.



- ◆ Who is leading the pledge?
- ◆ Who elects a captain?
- ◆ What are the reasons for someone to be elected as a captain?
(Discussion on leadership qualities then teacher organizes the thoughts)

- ◆ Do you remember the child Moses?
- ◆ Could you explain the incident of Moses being rescued from river Nile?
- ◆ What did God speak to Moses in the burning bush?



Recollect
and
Share.....



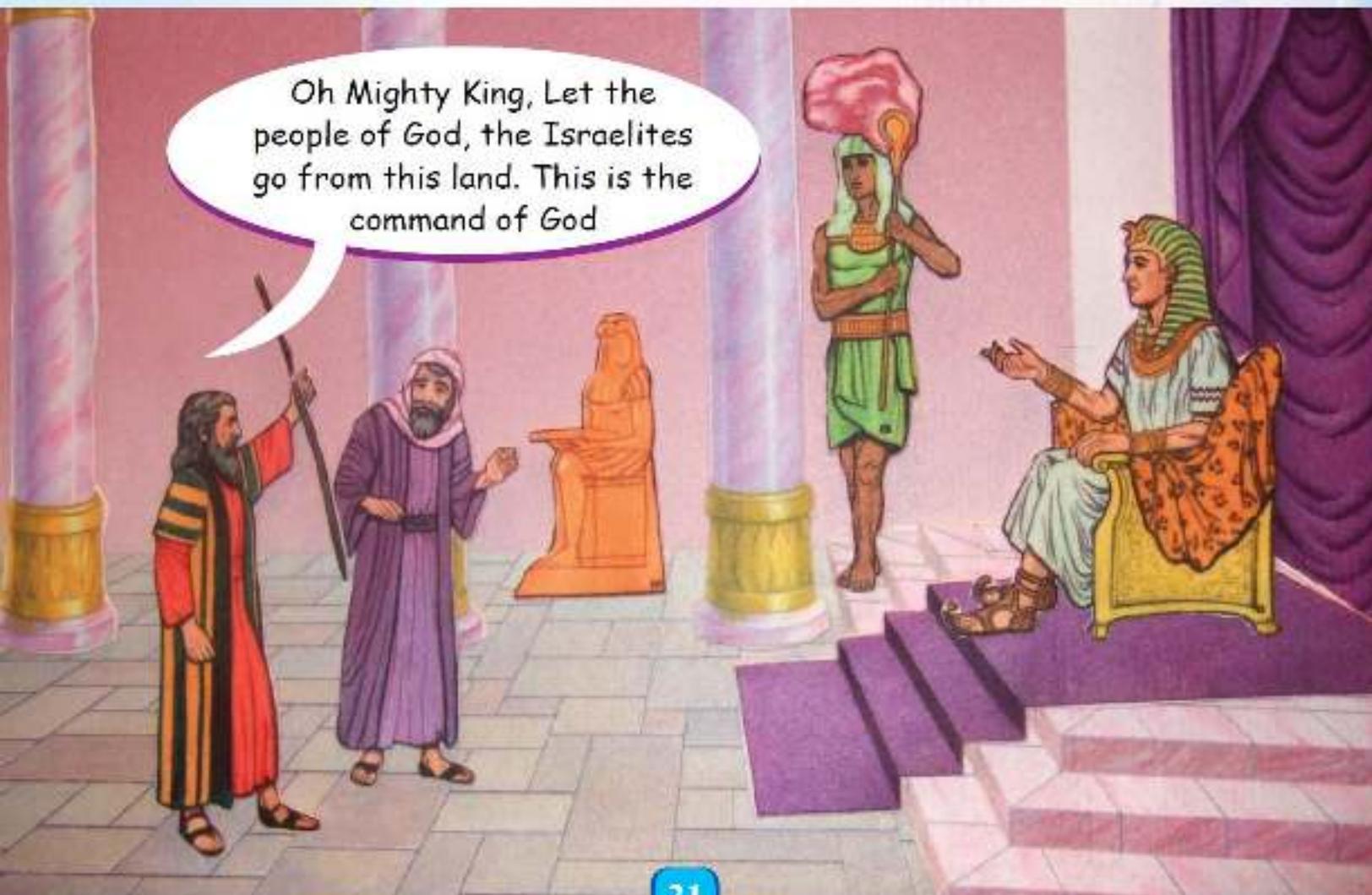
God had chosen Moses, who was obedient and God-fearing, as the leader of Israel in order to liberate the Israelites from the exile of Pharaoh. When the Israelites were struggling miserably because of forced labours imposed on them by the Egyptians, they cried aloud and prayed to God:

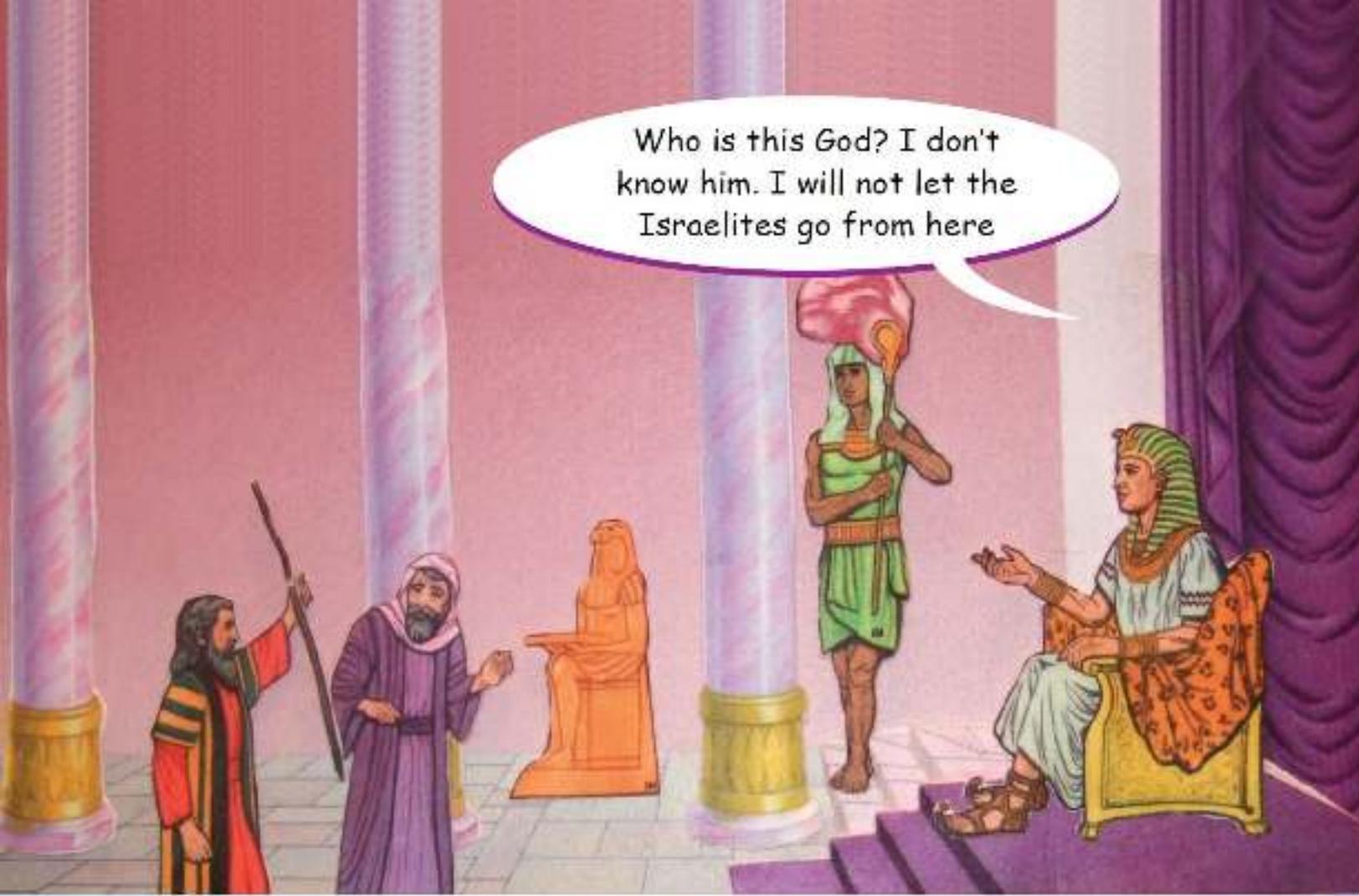
“Lord God, do not punish us, but help us and liberate us.”

Having heard their cry, God appeared to Moses in a burning bush and said to him, “The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “O my Lord, who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt? I have never been eloquent; I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.” Then God said to him, I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak. Take with you your brother Aaron; he indeed shall speak for you to the people.”

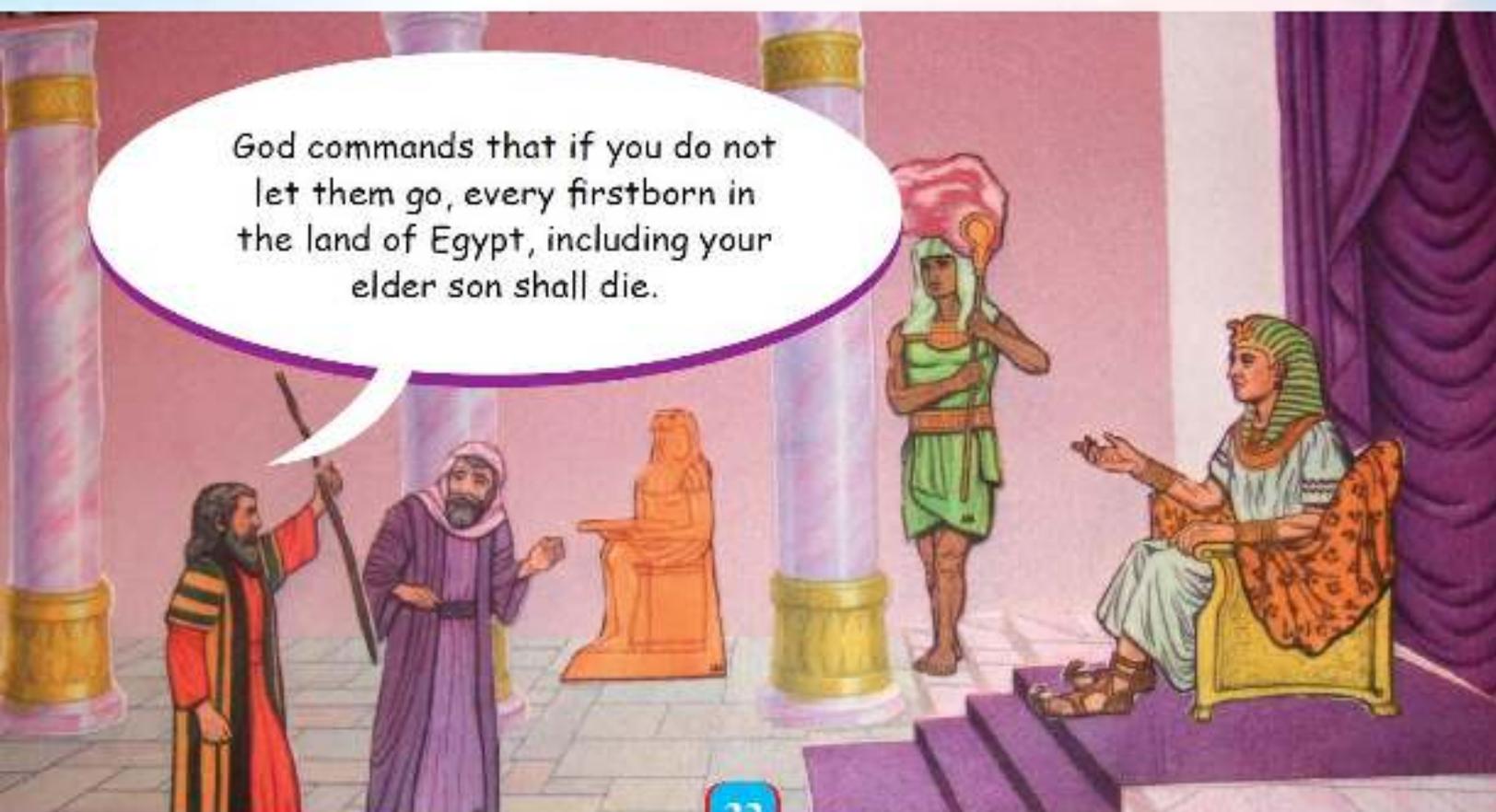
As God commanded him, Moses went to the palace of Pharaoh. His brother Aaron was also with him.

Listen to the Conversation:





Who is this God? I don't know him. I will not let the Israelites go from here



God commands that if you do not let them go, every firstborn in the land of Egypt, including your elder son shall die.

Since Pharaoh did not obey the command of God, his elder son died. Besides, every Egyptian family was struck with the death of firstborn child. Pharaoh became very sad. He called Moses and Aaron, and said:

A great misery has smashed on my country. There is not even a single house without someone dead. I am afraid of your God. And now, you rise up, go away from my people, both you and the Israelites

Thus Moses, the leader of Israelites, had delivered the people of God from the exile of Pharaoh; and he led them to Canaan.



After Israelites had gone out of the Land of Egypt under the leadership of Moses, they came into the valley of Mount Sinai. Then God said to Moses, "Let the people stay down at the valley; and you alone come up to the mountain." When Moses went up to the mountain, God gave him two tablets of stone and said:

Moses, Moses, here are the two stone tablets having Ten Commandments written on it, written with my own fingers. Keep it with you.



TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them.
3. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.

5. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's house.

Show the correct way!

Moses wants to reach the top of the mountain of Sinai. God is there. Be careful!! Help him by stepping only on those rocks having 'God' written on it. Give your favourite colour to 'God' rocks!!!



Let us pray:

Lord, bless and strengthen Your servants, the Supreme Head of our Church the Patriarch His Holiness Moran Mor Ignatius Aphrem II, and the regional head of our Church the Catholicose His Beatitude Aboon Mor Baselious Thomas I. Grant them wisdom and strength that they may lead Your Church according to Your ways. Bless all the Metropolitans, priests and deacons of this church that they may lead Your people like Moses led the Israelites. Amen.

Complete the Sun:

Moses was a good leader. You will also be a good leader in future. Have you ever thought of the qualities that a leader needs to have? Fill up the Sun by using the qualities of Moses and keep those qualities in your life:



Answer the Following:

1. Name the current Supreme Head of our Church?
2. Name the current Regional Head of our Church?
3. Name the current Metropolitan of your Diocese/Region?
4. Name the current Vicar of your church?
5. Where did God appear to Moses?
6. What did Moses say to Pharaoh regarding the consequence, if he would not let the Israelites go?
7. Why did Pharaoh allow the Israelites to go from Egypt?
8. Where did Moses the leader lead the Israelites after the exile?
9. Which was the place where God gave Ten Commandments to Moses?
10. Recite any three of the Ten Commandments?

MORAL VALUES

Do not speak anything bad about the Church and its clergy, even if for mocking.

CHAPTER 4 VISION OF ISAIAH

Bible Reference: Isaiah 6

Bible Verse to Learn: "Here am I, send me." (Isaiah 6:8)

Aims:

- To understand that God invites us too like prophet Isaiah, in order for experiencing the Kingdom of God.



"Holy, Holy,
Holy Lord,
God Almighty,
by whose glory
the heaven
and the earth
are filled."

One day, God appeared to prophet Isaiah in a dream. The prophet saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of His robe filled the temple. His face was glorious than the sun. Angel Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And they praised God always, singing,

"Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of His glory."

Having seen the glory of God, Isaiah said,

"Oh! I am a sinful person; yet my eyes have seen the King,
the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the Seraphs flew down to him, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs, and touched his mouth with it. Thereby his sins were blotted out.



Again the prophet heard the voice of God saying,
 "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

And immediately he replied,
 "Here am I; send me!"

In ancient times, God Yahweh had been communicating His will to His people through prophets. And prophets led the people according to the will and command of God.

There were lot of prophets in Israel, and one among them was prophet Isaiah, the son of Amos. Having been born in a palace, his living condition was good, and he received good education.

During that time, God had a complaint regarding his people. Let us understand it through the song:

Aakuashamekellka
 Bhoomyechevitharika
 Njanmakkalepottivalarhi
 Avar ennodumalsarikkunnu.
 Kaalathanteudayavante
 Kazhuthathanteyajamaanante
 Pulthottariyunnallo
 Enjanamariyunnilla.
 (Hear, O heavens and
 Listen O Earth, Lord says,
 I rear children and brought them up,
 But they have rebelled against me.
 The ox knows its owner
 And the donkey its master's crib.
 But Israel does not know,
 My people do not understand.)

- ◆ Who was rebellious against God?
.....
- ◆ Who was called as the children of God?
.....
- ◆ What was God's complaint?
.....

When does God complain about us?

- * When disobeying God
- * When quarrelling with others
- *
- *
- *

Prophet Isaiah, who was appointed by God, had advised the will of God to the Israelites and led them in the paths of the Lord.

Who all are advising the Will of God to us?
Metropolitans and Priests (The Clergy/Prelates)

Go to the church regularly

Read the Bible daily

Listen carefully the Sermons

Confess sins

Partake in the Holy Qurbano

Pray to God daily

Like the prophet Isaiah, how could we show God to others?

- + By sharing the love of God with friends.
- + By helping those who are struggling.
- + By keeping away from bad habits.
- + By encouraging others to get out of their bad habits.
- + By living a good modelled life.

Give colour to the Bible Verse:

Here am I,
send me.

Answer the Following:

1. Who was the father of prophet Isaiah?
2. What did God say to Isaiah in his vision?
3. What was the reply of the prophet, when God called him?
4. How did the Seraph make the prophet pure?
5. What are the peculiarities of Angel Seraphs?
6. How did Seraphs praise God the Almighty?
7. Explain the vision seen by prophet Isaiah?
8. How do we prepare ourselves to hear the Will of God?
9. How could we show God to others, like prophet Isaiah?
10. Recite the song, "Aakashamekelkka.../Hear O heavens...?"

CHAPTER 5 MINDSET OF CHRIST

Bible Reference: St. Mark 10:13-16; St. Luke 15:4-7; St. John 2:1-11; 9:1-7

Bible Verse to Learn: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." (St. John 15:12)

Aims:

- To understand that God is love and we need to pour out the love of God to our fellow-beings.

Picture Reading

Look at the
Pictures:



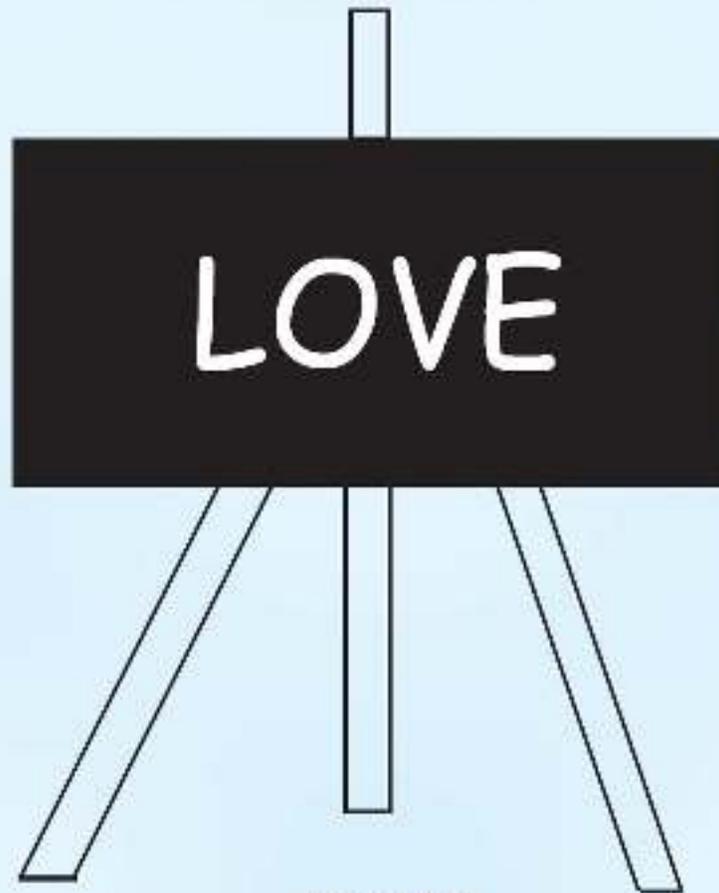
Teacher explains about the pictures

Now you say louder:

- o Who all are in the pictures?
- o What Jesus is doing in every picture?
- o Why Jesus is doing such thing?

Do you understand the basic mindset or nature of Jesus Christ?

READ ALOUD:



Activities

1. How we could perform the Love of God?



SAY ALOUD

SOW LOVE
and
REAP LOVE

Colouring:

GOD IS LOVE

Let us sing together:
(Being sung during the time of
'Slomo' (Kiss of Peace))
"Anyonamsnehippinennothiya
Naadhanintesneham
Vaaneedanamengalilenum
SthuthiDeivathinuyarathil
Bhoothalamengumnalshaanthi
Maanavaridayilsampreethi."

Let's try to read together???

Snehamaanakhilasaaramoozhiyil
("Love is the basic foundation of everything in this world.")
By the great poet Kumaran Aashan.

Listen carefully while your teacher/parents read this:

(Philippians 2:1-5)

"If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus."

FUN TIME Play and Enjoy

Things needed:

1. A dice/button having red on one side and green on the other. (You could make it by cutting and colouring a small hardboard.)
2. Dice/button in different colours for the individual players.

Rules:

Two players can play at a time. It is similar to the 'Snake and Ladder' game. Toss the dice one by one alternatively; and whoever gets 'green' can start the game. Put it in the first star. Toss the dice again; and if s/he gets green again, then move two stars ahead; and if gets red, move only one star. Continue the game by following the instructions on stars. Whoever reaches first at Jesus Christ will win the game. Now play and enjoy!!!

Goodness Training

Escape, whenever a quarrel starts; as it is the trap of Satan



33



31

Ah! Jealousy!
Go back to 20



29



28



30



32



25



27



23



24

Hold the hands of
Mother Mary and
go to 30



26



19

Hai, Love!
Go on to 26



22



21



20



16

Ah! Serpant!
Go back to 6



17



18



15



14



8



13



11



9



7



12

Hail God's
grace! Move
on to 17



10



6



5



1



2



3



4

Ayyo
Satan!! Go Back
to 1



This is my
commandment,
that you love
one another
as I have
loved you.

Answer the Following:

1. What was the commandment of Jesus Christ? (Bible Verse)
2. How did Jesus show his love towards the blind man?
3. Explain the story of Jesus loving kids?
4. What happened to the lost sheep?
5. How did Jesus show his love towards his mother during the wedding of Cana?
6. God is
7. How could we you perform the love of God?
8. Recite the Song which is being used during the time of 'Slomo' ('Kiss of Peace')?

CHAPTER 6

JESUS OVERCOMES TEMPTATION

Bible Reference: St. Matthew 4:1-11

Bible Verse to Learn: "The Lord your God you shall fear; Him you shall serve."
(Deuteronomy 6:13)

Aims:

- Satan will tempt as what he did to Jesus. If we believe in God and worship Him, we can easily defeat Satan.



Look at the Picture:



- 1 Paul
- 2 Mathew
- 3 John

- Have you ever participated in physical games?
- Did you ever stand in this victor's podium?
- Who is standing at the first place in victor's podium?
- Who got second and third place?

What do we call those who win the games?

Colouring...

WINNERS

One day Satan (Akalkkarusa) decided to defeat Jesus by tempting him. Satan thought that Jesus had had great hunger because of forty days fasting at the wilderness. Having assumed that it was the apt moment, Satan came near to Jesus, and said,

"If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

Satan thought that Jesus would be obeying his words. But Jesus had defeated him by the Word of God. Do you want to know what Jesus' replied?

"One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Even though he was defeated, Aakalkkaruso did not want to leave Jesus. Then he took Jesus to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him,



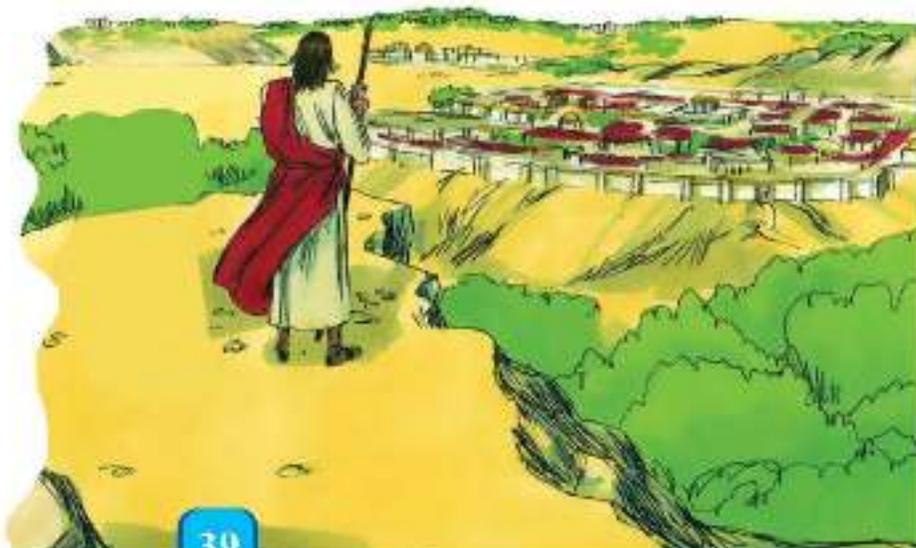
"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

This time also Jesus defeated him with the Word of God, saying,

"Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Satan came to Jesus for the third time. He took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him,

"All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."



Jesus defeated Aakalkkaruso even for the third time too, by the Word of God, and replying,

"Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only Him.'"

Having been understood that he could not defeat Jesus, Satan left him.

Satan tries to tempt every one of us. So we need to keep ourselves away from temptations. Let us worship our Lord God, and serve him.

Find out the different ways in which Satan tries to tempt kids and getting them away from God. And fill up the empty columns.

Encourage to Lie	
	Discourage to go to the Church
Encourage to Steal	
	Encourage to watch TV during the time of prayer
Discourage to read the Bible and Sunday School Lessons	

Let us defeat Satan, the tempter, how???

- By learning and obeying the Word of God.

.....

- By loving our parents.

.....

- By worshipping and praying to God alone.

.....

Give colour to the Bible Verse:

The Lord your
God you shall
fear; Him you
shall serve.

Let us pray:

Lord! protect us from the terror by night;
from the arrow that flies by the day;
from the plague that travels in the darkness;
and from the destruction of the wind in the noon.

Answer the Following:

1. What was the first temptation on Jesus by Satan?
2. Name the other name of Satan?
3. What was Jesus' reply for the first temptation?
4. What did Jesus say to Satan after seeing the kingdoms of the world and their splendour from the very high mountain?
5. How could we defeat Satan, the tempter?

CHAPTER 7 REPENTANCE OF SAUL

Bible Reference: Act of the Apostles (Preksis) 9:1-18; 22:1-21; 26:9-18

Bible Verse to Learn: "For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain."
(Philippians 1:21)

Aim:

To understand that God will choose eligible persons to minister for the Kingdom of God.

Listen to the Conversation:

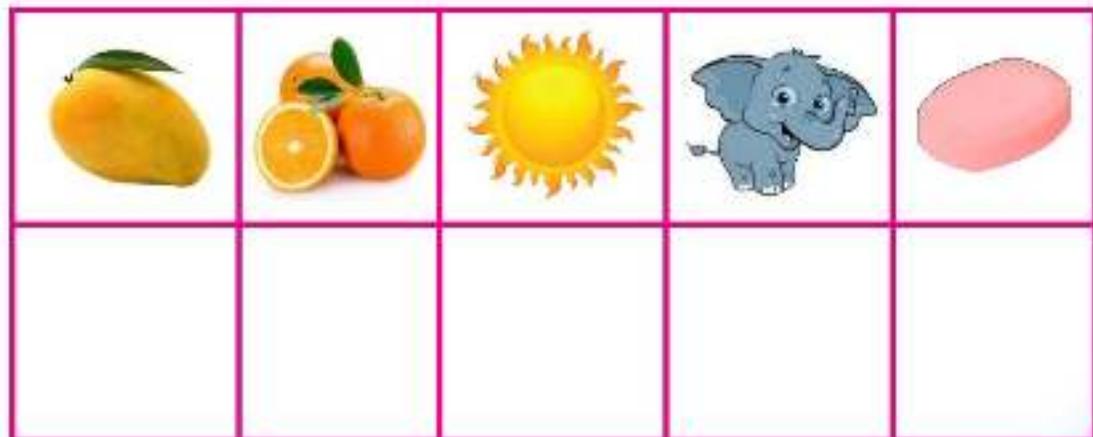
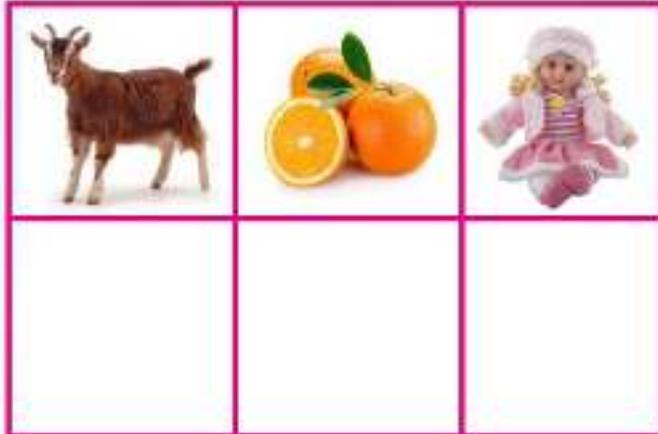
Voice: I will send you. You will speak for me.

Reply: But I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.

Voice: I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak.

Revision: Whose voice is this?
And who is replying?

Let us find out the speakers by writing the first alphabet of the pictures given below. Write it and read aloud:



Likewise God had elected Moses, the person, selected by Jesus Christ to work for the Kingdom of God was Saul.

Colouring...

Saul

Saul was a Roman citizen involved in punishing and persecuting Christians. He was very educated and worked as a government official. He was the one who had been keeping the clothes of those who had stoned Stephen, the first martyr of the Church. One day he went on to Damascus with the authorized letters of Jewish high priests in order to bring Christians to Jerusalem as captives. When he was approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him,

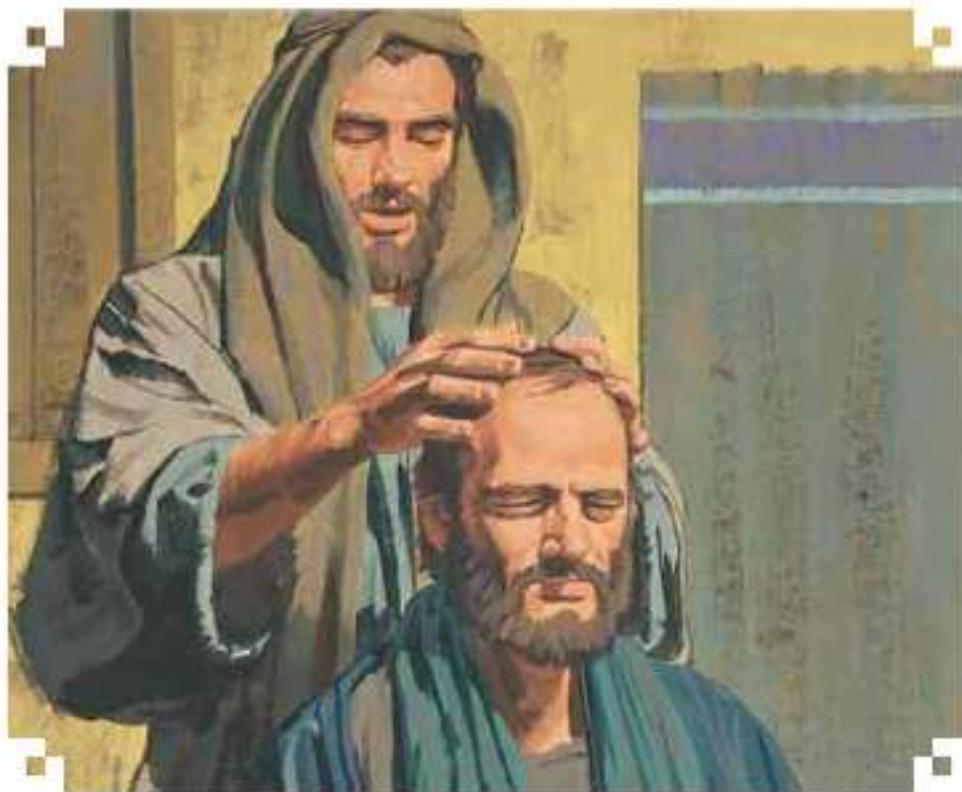
"Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"



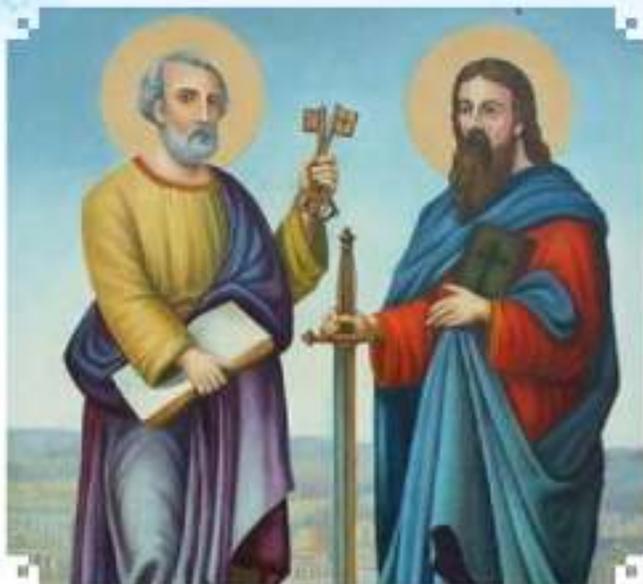
Being afraid of the voice, he asked, "Who are you, Lord?" And the reply came from heaven, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground. He opened his eyes, but could see nothing. He had lost his eyesight. The people with him led him to Damascus and brought him to the house of 'Judas' where he stayed for three days, spending time in prayer without eating or drinking anything.

After three days, the Lord commanded a priest named Ananias, who was a strong devotee of Jesus, to go to Saul. Ananias came to the house of Judas and laid his hands on him and prayed. Immediately something like scales of fish fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored.



Having realized his sins, Saul had repented and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour. Then he got baptized, received the name 'Paul' and became the apostle of Christ. Hence, the persecutor of the church had become its nourisher, who went on to different parts of the earth and preached the gospel of Christ. St. Paul is also included among the disciples of Jesus Christ. In AD 67, Emperor Nero had murdered him by sword, and he became a martyr. And the Church celebrates the commemoration of St. Paul along with St. Peter, the head of the disciples, on June 29 every year.



St. Peter and St.
Paul, the apostles,
Pray for us

Let us Sing:

Paulosesleeha... dhanyanchol
Kettenithevam
Ningalengalangariyichathozhi-
chingoruvanvannariyichaal
Vaanavanenkilumaadhoothan
Thaanelkkumsabhayinshaapam
Pala tharmupadheshangalaho
Paarilmulachuparakkunnu
Deivathinupadheshamtho-
ttavasaanippippondhanyan.

Paul the Blessed Saint, the Lord's Apostle, said If
one comes to preach to you Other doctrine than
we knew, Be he man or angel bright, Curs'd be he in
Church's sight; Doctrines all diverse arise, Shooting
up with many lies; Blest is he who first and last
Trusts God's truth and holds it fast.

Give colour to the Bible Verse:

For to me, living
is Christ and
dying is gain.

Match the Following

Saul	-	First Martyr
June 29	-	St. Paul
Stephen	-	Commemoration of St. Peter and St. Paul
St. Peter	-	Emperor
Nero	-	Head of the Disciples

Answer the Following:

1. Where was Saul going to bring Christians as captives?
2. Who gave the authorized letter to Saul in order to persecute Christians?
3. What was the voice heard by Saul when he fell down on the ground?
4. Name the person who laid his hands on Saul's head and prayed for him?
5. What was the name received by Saul after his conversion/baptism?
6. In which year did St. Paul was martyred?
7. On which date, does the Church commemorate the apostles St. Peter and St. Paul?
8. Prepare a short sermon and present in the class: "Jesus in my Saviour."



"Jesus in my
Saviour"



CHAPTER 8

DISCIPLES RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT

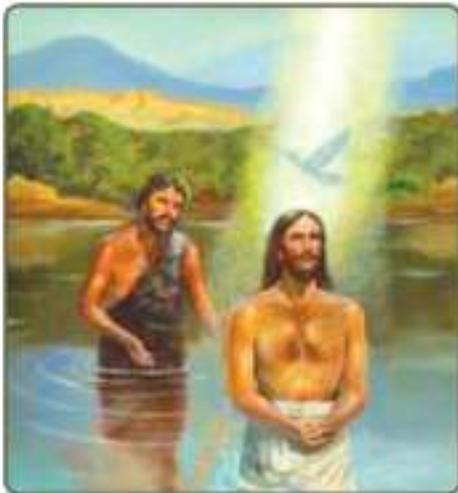
Bible Reference: Acts of Apostles (Preksis) 2:1-4

Bible Verse to Learn: "Do you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16)

Aims:

To understand that the Holy Spirit dwells in us, and the sins committed against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

Do you Remember???



- * Who all are in this picture?
- * Which is the river in which they are standing?
- * In which form, did the Holy Spirit descend on Jesus Christ?

- * Does the Holy Spirit dwell in you?
- * How did the Holy Spirit descend upon you?

Through Holy Baptism and Holy Mooron



Feast of Pentecost was one of the major festivals of Jews. They celebrated it in remembrance of Moses receiving the Ten Commandments from God at Mount Sinai. The Christian Church also celebrates the day of Pentecost as a feast after the disciples received the Holy Spirit on the first Feast of Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection. And it is celebrated every year on the 50th day after Easter.

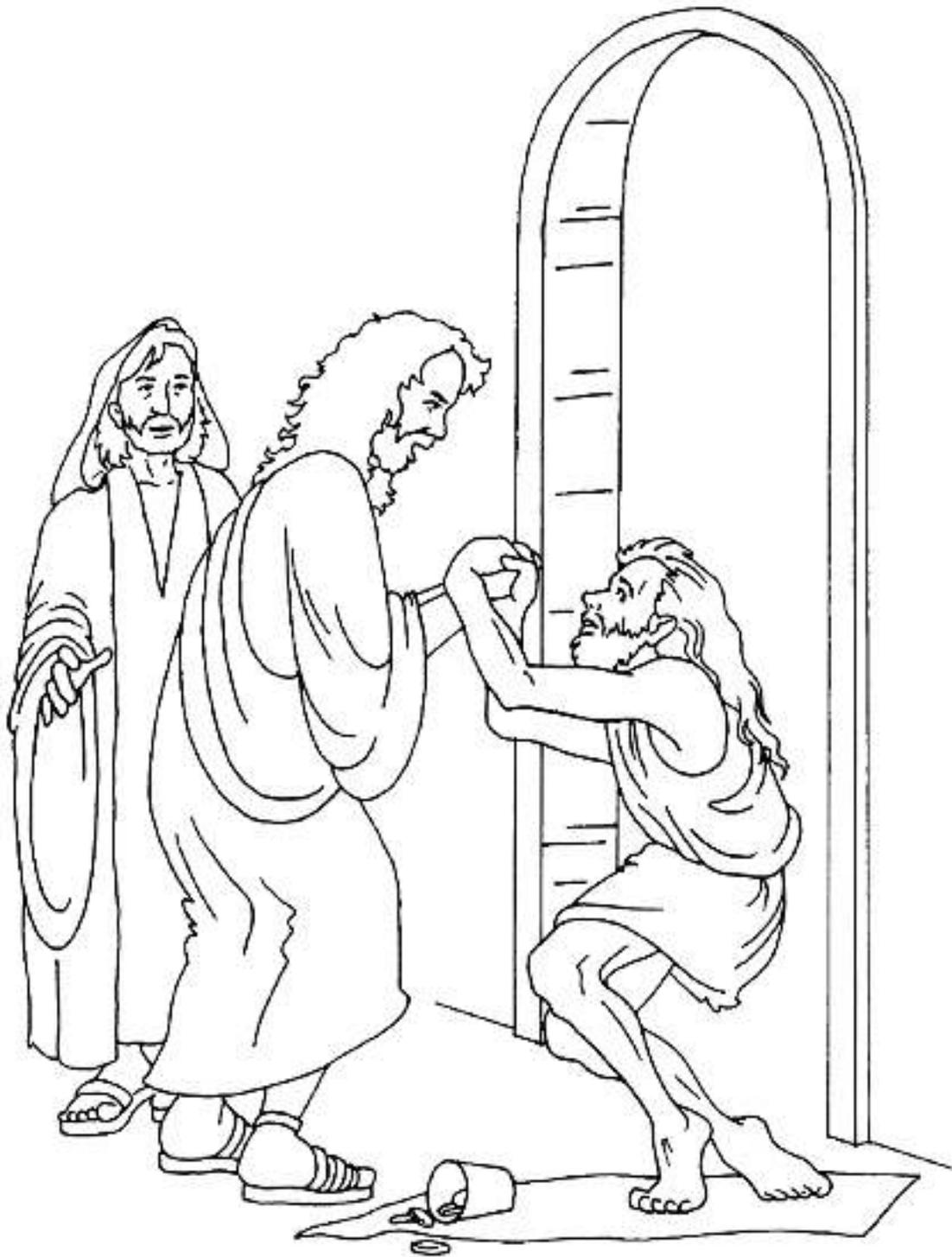
On the day of Pentecost, the disciples of Jesus were gathered together and praying in the House of Mark (Sehiyon Malika). And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind. It filled the entire house where they were sitting. When they looked up with great anxiety, divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. The fire tongue was the Holy Spirit. Hence the Spirit of God descended on the apostles in the form of divided fire tongues.



Having received the Holy Spirit, the fear of the apostles was gone off and they started to preach about Christ with the power of the Holy Spirit. Hearing their preaching, lot of people believed in Christ and converted to Christianity. The apostles baptized everyone, healed the sick with the power of the Holy Spirit, and taught the crowd about the Kingdom of God.

Colouring...

St. Peter heals a Crippled Beggar



"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,
stand up and walk."
(Acts 3:6)

Having Received the Holy Spirit, how should be our behaviour?

- Live our life witnessing Christ
- Behave everyone properly in love.
- Have mercy and compassion to everyone.
- Have patience.
- Not commit sins against the Holy Spirit.
- Abstain from every evils with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Activity:

Prepare a sermon of three minutes against 'The evils which destroy us.'
(The topics are smoking, drinking, jealousy, disobedience, anger etc. Give opportunity to every kid.)

Give colour to the Bible Verse:

Do you know
that you are
God's temple
and that God's
Spirit dwells in you?

Answer the Following:

1. On which day the Church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost?
2. In which form did the Holy Spirit descend on the apostles?
3. What did the apostles do after receiving the Holy Spirit?
4. When did you receive the Holy Spirit?
5. What are the qualities that a person, who has received the Holy Spirit, should have?
6. Deliver the sermon which you have prepared?

CHAPTER 9

EDUCATION IS THE RICHEST WEALTH

Bible Verse to Learn: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."
(Proverbs 1:7)

Aims:

To understand that the beginning of every knowledge is the fear of the Lord.

One night God Yahweh appeared to King Solomon in his dream.

Solomon, ask me,
what should
I give you.

Because you have not asked
for wealth, richness or faith,
and asked only for wisdom,
I am giving you great wisdom
and broadmindedness like
sands of the seashore.

God, give me a heart of
wisdom to govern your
people justly, discerning good
and evil.



Do you know what all things Solomon had done after receiving divine wisdom? He had said three thousand proverbs, and written one thousand and five songs of praise. He depicted the details of various plants, herbs, trees, birds, animals, reptiles and fishes. And therefore, people from around the world came to Solomon to learn his wisdom.

One day, two women came to Solomon and shared the reason of their sadness.

First Woman : Oh mighty king, when I was sleeping, she has taken my baby and laid here dead baby in its place. Have the kindness to get my baby back.

Second Woman : No, this is my child, O king. Her baby is the dead one. I will not give this child.

King Solomon : Get me a sword. (And a guard came up with a sword.) Divide the living infant into two, and give one piece to each woman.

Having heard the order of the king,



- First Woman : (Threw herself at the king's feet and pleaded.) "Oh King, please do not kill my living baby. Let her have the child."
 Second Woman : Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it.
 King Solomon : Give the first woman the living boy; do not kill him. She is his true mother. No mother lets her child to kill.

It was God's wisdom which helped Solomon to do justice.

Colouring...



Let's gain
the Divine Wisdom

Worldly Knowledge

- Education
- Good books
- Newspaper
- Journals
- Television
- Computer
- Library

**The fear of
the Lord is
the beginning
of wisdom.**

Divine Wisdom

- The Bible
- Prayer
- Worshipping God
- Sunday School Learning
- Bible Conventions
- Doing good things
- Fear of God

Let us pray

God, give us Your grace to live according to Your will,
discerning good and evil. Amen.

TRUE FAITH

Holy Sacraments:

1. Define Holy Sacraments?

Sacraments are the visible acts of invisible means of grace, which our Lord ordered and instituted as essential for the salvation of the human race.

2. How many sacraments are there in the Church?

There are seven Holy Sacraments in our Church.

3. Which are the seven Holy Sacraments?

1. Holy Baptism
2. Holy Mooron (Chrism)
3. Holy Confession
4. Holy Eucharist (Qurbono)
5. Holy Ordination (Priesthood)
6. Holy Matrimony
7. Holy Anointing of the Sick

Give the meanings of the Syrian Words:

- | | | |
|-----------------|---|-------------|
| 1. Evangelion | - | Gospel |
| 2. StaumenKalos | - | Stand well |
| 3. Haabeebai | - | My Beloved |
| 4. Aahaai | - | My Brothers |

CHURCH HISTORY

1. How many apostles did Jesus have?

Twelve Apostles

2. What is the meaning of the term 'apostle' (Sleeho)?

One who is sent.

3. Who were the apostles of Jesus Christ?

St. Peter, St. Andrew, St. James, St. John, St. Philip,
St. Bartholomew, St. Thomas, St. Matthew, St. James
(son of Alphaeus), St. Thaddaeus, St. Simon, and Judas Iscariot.

4. Who was chosen by lot in place of Judas Iscariot?

Matthias

5. Who was called to the group of apostles?

St. Paul

6. 'St. Peter is called as the 'Head of the Apostles', Why?

He is called as the 'Head of the Apostles' because he was entrusted
to administer the church for Jesus Christ by Christ Himself.

7. Who preached the Gospel in India?

St. Thomas

8. Where and when did St. Peter establish the Holy Throne of Apostolic
Succession?

Antioch, A.D. 37.

9. By which name are the successors of St. Peter are known to the world?

His Holiness Moran Mor Ignatius, Successor of the Apostolic Throne
of St. Peter and the Patriarch of Antioch and All the East

10. When does the Church celebrate the establishment of the Holy
Apostolic Throne in Antioch by St. Peter?

February 22.

11. Who is the current Catholicose of our Church?

His Beatitude AboonMor Baselios Thomas I.

PRAYER

Psalm 141, 142, 119, & 117

I call upon you, Lord; hear me. Give heed to my words and answer me.

Let my prayer be like incense in Your sight, my uplifted hands be like an evening sacrifice. Lord, set a guard at my mouth, a sentry at the door of my lips, that my heart may not turn to evil and indulge in the deeds of wickedness.

Let me not sit at the table of the wicked. Let the righteous man teach me, let Him reprove me, but the oil of the wicked shall not anoint my head, my prayer is against their evil deeds. When their judges are thrown down in stony places, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.

Their bones are scattered at the mouth of the grave like the plow that breaks the earth. I lift up my eyes to You, Lord. I put my trust in Your, donot leave my soul destitute.

Keep me away from the hands of the proud who have laid snares for me. Let the wicked fall into their own traps, while I go unharmed.

While my soul was in agony, I cried unto the Lord with my voice; with all my voice I made supplication. I poured out my affliction before Him, I told Him all my troubles. When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then You know my path.

They have hidden snares for me in the way I have to walk. I looked to the right, but there was no one who knew me; no one cared for my soul. I cried unto You, O Lord! I said, You are my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

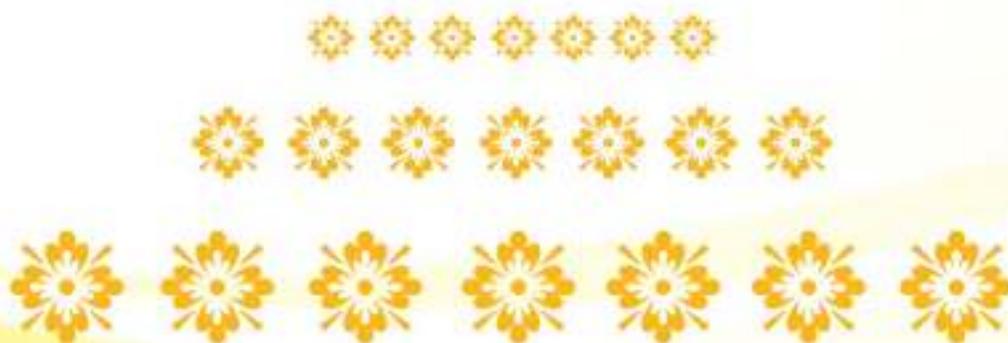
Attend to my supplication; for I am in distress. Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are stronger than me. Lead me forth from prison that I may praise Your name. The righteous shall wait for me because You will answer me.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. I have sworn and have determined to keep Your holy decrees. I am made to be low, Lord. Give me life according to Your word. Lord, be pleased with the words of my lips and teach me Your decrees.

My life is always in Your hands, I do not forget Your laws. The wicked have set traps for me, but I have not strayed from Your commands. I treasure up Your testimonies. Truly they are the joy of my heart. Incline my heart to keep Your commands, in truth, for ever.

Praise the Lord, all you nations. Praise Him, all you people. Great is His goodness for us. Truly, the Lord's goodness is for ever.

To you belongs praise, O God. Barekhamor.



CHAPTER 10 BIRTHRIGHT

Bible Reference: Genesis 25: 29-34

Aims:

We should protect our rights.

A Classroom

- Student : Teacher, was it not Thomas won yesterday's 100m race?
Teacher : Yes, he has received its rewarding prize as well.
Student : But teacher, you know what happened? Thomas gave his prize to Babu for one packet of chocolates. And then Babu went to his house and told his parents that he was the winner of yesterday's race. Appreciating their son, his poor parents took him to a movie and bought ice-cream for him.
Teacher : Aha! Both you guys, what did you do?? It is just similar like Jacob who took the birthright from his elder brother Esau! Is it the right way good kids are supposed to do??
Students : (All of them in the class) Teacher, how did Jacob take the birth right of Esau??
Teacher : Let me explain. Listen carefully!!

Let us sing in the Rythem of Njanappana

Isaac had two children, Esau and Jacob. One day Jacob was cooking a lentil stew (payasam). Esau came in from the field, and he was so hungry, and said: "Let me eat some of that red stuff for I am hungry." Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Having thought in his mind that 'what use is a birthright to me?', Esau replied, "I am willing to give my birthright to you; give me the stew fast." Alas, without remembering that his birthright had given by God, he had sold his birthright to his younger brother Jacob, just for some lentil stew!!



Have you understood how Esau sold his birthright to his younger brother Jacob? As per human perspective, Jacob seems to be a cunning fellow. But God's plan is beyond human intellect. If you would like to know more about it, ask your teacher. Do you?

Teacher : Babu, you need to give the prize back to Thomas. And Thomas, you should not give your rewards or rights to anyone else. Be dependent on God to become good kids.

Bible Verse to Learn:

"So to it that no one becomes like Esau, an immoral and godless person, who sold his birthright for a single meal."

Activities:

1. Group Discussion

- o Is it right that Esau sold his birthright?
- o Is it right that Jacob received it in a shrewd way?
- o Why did God love Jacob more than Esau? (Teacher may help)
(Organize your thoughts)
- o Everything that we have is given by God.
- o We don't have the right to sell it.
- o Don't try to acquire anything by deceit or cunningness.
- o Both of them, Esau and Jacob were good and righteous.
- o But Esau was not a true devotee of God, nor God-fearing.

**God does justice to us not only because of our doings;
God forgives us according to His mercy.**

2. Complete the Following:

God gave us the 'right to heaven'. Satan tries in various ways to get us out of the heaven. What are his different tempting ways?

- o Feeling lazy while praying
- o Discouraging to observe lent in devotion and faithfulness.
- o
- o

3. Complete the Diagram:



Let us Pray:

O Messiah, our Lord, Who has shown us the path to heaven, help us to walk righteously in that path according to Your will. Amen.

Let us Sing and Paise:

Unnatha raajyamathum
Swaashwatha jeevithavum
Nirmalar-aarjikkum
SathamaMashiha bhakthanmaa-
rarhikkunna mahabhaagyam
Jadanethram dharshikkukayo
Sraavanamkelkkukayo hrudhayam
Therukayo cheithittilethum.

Saints are invited To that High Kingdom And life eternal That no eye hath ever spied Never heard by mortal man Nor discerned by human hearts Greatly blessed are righteous one Who did love, Christ with all their heart.

Answer the Following:

1. What did Esau ask for? And what did Jacob gave in back?
2. What did Jacob ask for Esau in return for the lentil stew?
3. Who was the elder one among Isaac's two sons?
4. What all things we need to do in order not to lose the right to heaven?

CHAPTER 11

THE BRAVE JUDGE

Bible Reference: Judges 13 – 14

Bible Verse to Learn: "Get away from sins and be dependent on God."

Aims:

To understand that God will forsake those who forget God and trespass His commandments.

Dear friends, you know, Robin was arrested by the police. Everyone gathered around Manu to know the reason, "Oh! Robin is a good guy. What happened?" Sneha couldn't believe when she heard the news. Manu explained everyone what he heard about the arrest, "Yes, he is a good person. If anyone hurts because of a fall, suddenly he comes there and takes the person to staff room and does the first aid. He is very loving and compassionate. But, you know....." "What?" Everyone got excited.

He continued, "He has some bad friends. After school, he always goes with them and has become a drug addict. Police has arrested the entire gang, and unfortunately he was also with them. Bad friendship has destroyed Robin."



Likewise, let us learn about a judge who had forsaken the Lord and got into a group of wicked men.



Dear friends, please listen to my story.

I was born in the tribe of Dan, to my parents only after long years of their married life. My father was **Manoah**. One day an angel of God appeared to my mother who had been waiting for a child, and said,

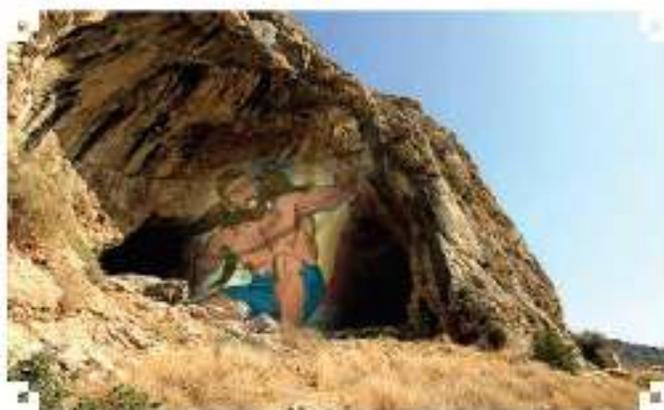
"Now be careful not to drink wine or strong drink, or to eat anything unclean, for you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor is to come on his head, for the baby shall be a nazirite (one separated) to God from birth. It is he shall begin to deliver Israel from the hand of the Philistines."

Hence, I was gifted by God to my parents. And my name is Samson (Shimshon). I had grown up and become a brave man with unhuman strengths. The Lord's spirit was with me. I was a judge of Israel for twenty years. But at that time Israel was under the control of Philistines. Philistines were the enemies of Israel. One day, I was traveling to the town of 'Timnah'. When I reached the vineyards of Timnah, suddenly a young lion roared at me. The spirit of the Lord rushed on me, and I tore the lion apart barehanded. Now have you understood my power? God was the only one who gave me this great strength. Later, on another day, I caught three hundred foxes, and took some torches; and I turned the foxes tail to tail, and put a torch between each pair of tails. Then I had set fire to the torches, and let the foxes go into the standing grain of the Philistines. Thus all their standing grain as well as the vineyards and olive groves were burned up. Again on another occasion, I had slain a thousand Philistines with the jawbone of a donkey. All these were the examples of divine power showered upon me.

When I felt thirsty, God split open a hollow place and gave me water from it. My hair was entwined in seven locks, and the divine power was rested upon those seven locks. That was the reason why no one could defeat me. One day, I had said a riddle to my companions when I reached the Philistine house for my wedding. The riddle, its answer and my failure are explained in the book of Judges. Could you read it?

Please find out the riddle and its answer by reading the book of Judges 14:12 onwards

And for long time I had hid myself in a cleft of the rock of Etam. Staying there, I had been trying to defeat the Philistines.



Do you like to know the reason of my defeat, to whom God had given His power? I had forgotten God and lived my life in wicked ways. I had married women from other castes, and they cheated me. Delilah, my lady love in Philistine who lived in the valley of Sorek, had rooked me by receiving bribe from the Philistines. She tried various ways to know the secret of my power.



(That story is detailed in Chapter 16. Please read it.) At last I had to tell her the secret of my power. Then she let me fall asleep on her lap; and shaved off the seven locks of my hair.

Thereafter, God had forsaken me; and I lost the divine power in me. I tried to fight against

the Philistines who had come to seize me, but I failed. They clutched me, bound me with bronze shackles, and tied me to a pillar at the temple of their god Dagon. And they gouged out my both eyes.

I, who had forgotten God and lived in wicked ways, then remembered God. And I plead Him to give my strength back at least for one more time. God had mercy upon me, and the divine power had come back to me again.



Then I grasped the two middle pillars on which the temple rested, and I leaned my weight against them - my right hand on the one and my left hand on the other. Oh! the temple couldn't stand firm on my strength, and it fell down. Three thousand Philistines were crushed under it. I too died along with them. Now you might have understood the end of a very strong and courageous person.

It was the only reason behind my drastic end that I forgot God and led my life in evil ways. You should never be get involved in bad friendship, nor be with wicked companions.

Learn the Bible Verse of this chapter and write it down:

Let us get familiarized with the Judges of Israel,
other than Samson.



Let us find out 'why God gives us wisdom, knowledge and power'
by reading and filling the 'Figure Circle':



Let's pray:

"Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence;
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me."

Answer the Following:

1. Who was the father of Samson?
2. Who was Samson's lady love in Philistine?
3. Where did Samson hide himself?
4. What was the reason for Samson's defeat?
5. Explain the end of Samson's life?
6. Write the names of any two judges of Israel?
7. What was the riddle told my Samson? What was its meaning?

Prepare a Short Sermon and Present it in the Classroom
(You may use the 'Figure Circle')

TOPIC:

How we could make use of the God-given
wisdom and power in our lives?

Praise be to the Triune God

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CHAPTER 12

WISEST OF THE WISE MEN

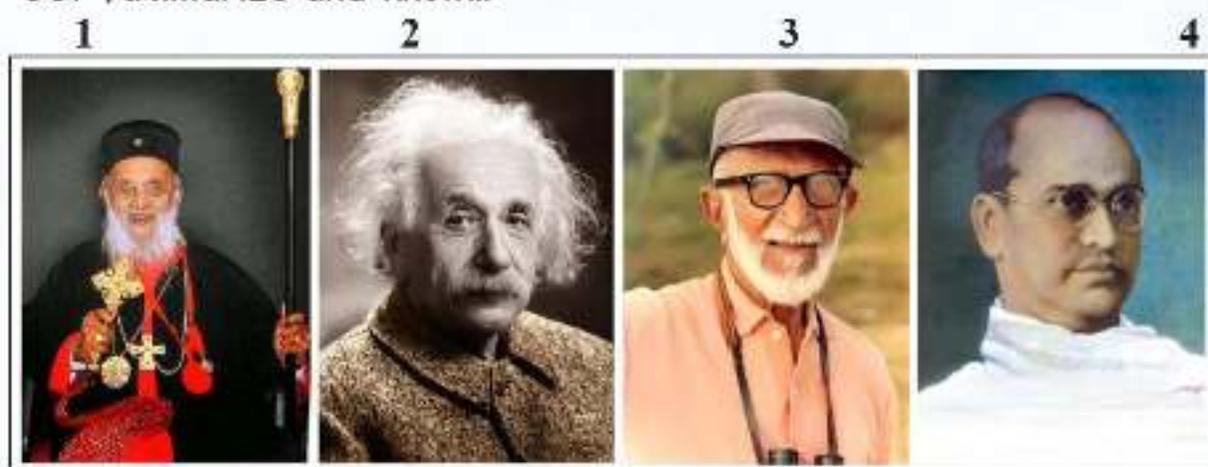
Bible Reference : 1 Kings 1 - 12

Bible Verse to Learn: **"The knowledge of the Holy One is prudence."**
(Proverbs 9:10)

Aims:

To understand that Divine Wisdom is the only essential thing required for a God's child; and Divine Ways are the only true ways.

Get familiarize and know...



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2	Einstein	
3	Salim Ali	
4	Vallathol Narayana Menon	

(Science, Theology, Literature, Ornithologist)

Do you know that the newspaper tells us about stories of honouring distinguished personalities who have contributed immensely to various fields of knowledge and wisdom? Find out one of such news from the newspaper and read it in the classroom.

Let us learn about a wise man whom God had gifted him directly the wisdom in every field. He was the wisest among the kings of Israel. Could you find out who was he? Look at the hints...

First alphabet is in Salem, but not in Bethlehem;

Second in Obed, not in bed;

Third in Leah, not in Neha;

Fourth in Omid, not in Amid;

Fifth in Moab, not in Joab;

Sixth in Olive, not in Alive;

Seventh in Nazareth, not in Jerusalem, Now write 'Who I am??'

When King David was very old, he prayed to God to have a successor for him. According to the instruction of Prophet Nathan, Bathsheba requested King David to let her son Solomon be the next king. And the king granted her request. Obeying the command of the King, Priest Zadok and Prophet Nathan took the horn of oil from the Tent and anointed Solomon as the new King of Israel.



King Solomon thus prayed to God,

"And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

What did Solomon request to God to grant him?

(Wealth, Health, Power to defeat enemies, Long life,
Wise and Discerning Heart, Beauty, Chariots)

Since he had requested not for wealth nor for long life, but only for a wise and discerning heart, God was pleased in Solomon, and granted him every other blessing. The fame of Solomon's wisdom spread throughout around the world. He wrote about trees - from the cedar that is in the Lebanon to the hyssop that grows in the walls; and also about birds, animals, reptiles and fish. People came from all the nations to hear the wisdom of Solomon even with valuable gifts.

Write down any three Proverbs of Solomon about Wisdom:

1. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom.

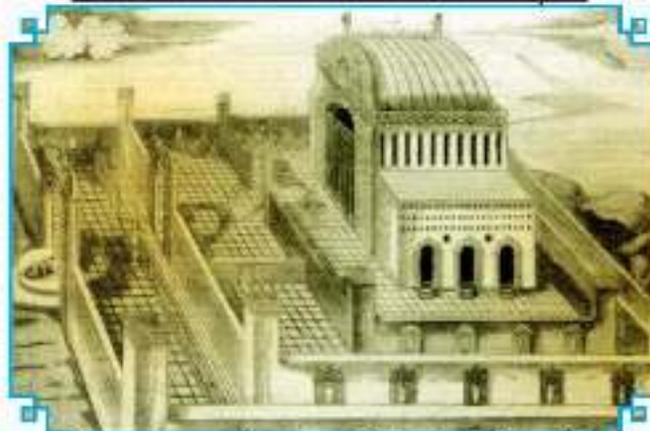
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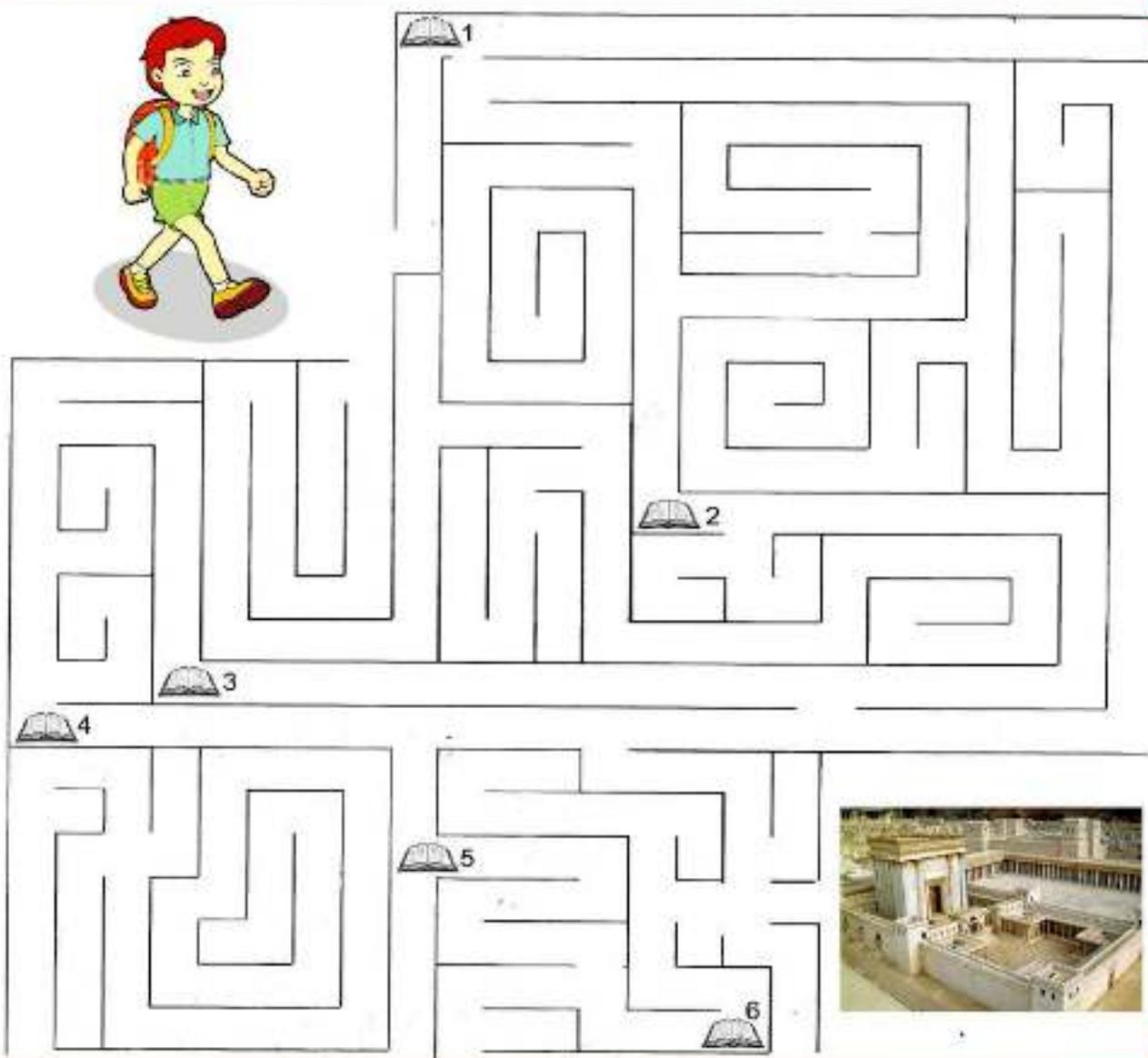
Using the divine wisdom, wealth and expertise, Solomon constructed many mansions and palaces. However, his most significant contribution was the building of Jerusalem Temple, which was a lifelong dream of his father, King David. Hiram, the king of Tyre provided the entire wood for furnishing the House of the Lord. One hundred fifty three thousand and five hundred (One lakh fifty three thousand and five hundred) labourers worked for seven years to complete it. The Temple was divided into three parts -the Holy of Holies (Inner Sanctum/ KodeshHaKodashim), the Holy Place (Greater House/Larger Hekhal), and the Outer Court (Greater Court where people assembled). The Tabernacle of God was placed at the Holy of Holies. Since the entire place was separated as holy, and in order not to hear the sound of hammer or axe or any other tool of iron, every material was finished at the quarry or workplace itself and then brought to Jerusalem.

A Model of Jerusalem Temple



Being the richest and powerful king in the world, Solomon started to forget God gradually and led his life in cosy ways. He violated the commands of God and committed sins against Him. He constructed temples for other gods and started worshiping them. He imposed over taxes for the people, and thereby they began to hate their king. Furthermore, he married various women from different religions and castes. And consequently, the anger of God came unto Solomon and all his richness. He died at the age of 60 and his kingdom got divided.

Find out the way to Jerusalem Temple. Please forget not to take the books, which are kept for you, on the way.



1. Please identify the names of the books you have collected.
2. Identify the authors of those books.
3. Who wrote the most number of books?

Book	Author
1. Psalms
2. Genesis
3. Proverbs
4. Judges
5. Song of Songs
6. Ecclesiastes

CHAPTER 13

REPENTANCE OF ZACCHAEUS

Bible Reference: St. Luke 19:1-10

Bible Verse to Learn: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."
(1 Timothy 1:15)

Aim:

To understand that Jesus Christ is the protector of our house.

Do you like to see elephants? Imagine, while you are playing in your school ground, an elephant is passing by. But you can't see it clearly because of the tall fence. What would you do in order to get a clear view of it? Yeah, you will either get into the stairs or go to the first or second floor; right?



Today, we are going to learn about a short man's adventurous attempt to see Jesus!!

Jericho, a city situated on the western side of River Jordan, was popular as a trading city. Merchants had to pay taxes for selling their products in Jericho. Zacchaeus was a chief tax-collector who collected taxes from the traders on behalf of the Roman Government. Since the Roman Government enslaved the Jews, they hated such tax collectors who worked for the Romans.

Zacchaeus, being a Jew and worked for the Romans, was hated strongly by the Jews. Moreover, he used to defraud people and forcefully collected extra money from them. Consequently, he was out of Jewish companionship.

One day he heard about Jesus - "A man from Nazareth, who heals many; and loves sinners, even tax collectors." "Oh, then I should meet him," he thought in his mind. After some days, having heard that Jesus was coming to Jericho, Zacchaeus rushed to see him. But on account of the large crowd around Jesus he could not,

because he was very short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree on the wayside to see him. He saw that Jesus was approaching. When Jesus came nearby the tree, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." He got extremely exclaimd. And suddenly



he came down from the tree and welcomed Jesus to his house. While Jesus was walking to his house, all who witnessed it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner!" Zacchaeus stood there and said to loving Jesus, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Hence Zacchaeus got confessed his sins and repented. Having seen this, Jesus said, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For, the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost." And Zacchaeus became so happy.

This particular Biblical portion, which contains the repentance of Zacchaeus, is read as the Gospel (Evangelion) during every House Warming Service.

1. Name the tree which Zacchaeus climbed to see Jesus Christ?

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2. Complete the conversation:

"Look, half of my, Lord, I will give to the"

"Today has come to this house, because he too is a son of"

3. What was hindering Zacchaeus from seeing Christ Jesus? (Underline the correct answer.)

a. Crowd b. Trees c. Buildings d. Shortness in stature.

4. Which is the Holy Sacrament being done when one having aware of his/her sins and would like to confess?

5. During which Holy Service, do we hear the Biblical portion of Zacchaeus repentance? (Underline the correct answer.)

a. Holy Matrimony b. Holy Qurbana c. House Warming Service

6. Write in correct sequence, the different phases of Zacchaeus repentance?
(Confession, Awareness of his sins, Repentance)

- a.
- b.
- c.

7. Why did the people dislike Zacchaeus?

Learn the Bible Verse of this lesson and Write it down:

8. Look at the pictures below. They are the ways through which we could approach God. But there are some hindrances too. Everyone, say louder and write down about how we could get rid of such hindrances.



How to Avoid

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9. What was the reward given to Zacchaeus who had seen Jesus by overcoming hindrances? (Please ✓)

- Good Position in his Job
- Healing of his Sickness
- Worldly Richness and Wealth
- Position of Son of Abraham.

Being aware of his sins, Zacchaeus confessed his sins to Jesus and repented. We are also sinners. To whom we should confess our sins? What does the Church teach us to do? Let us pray the 'Prayer before Holy Confession' and confess our sins before a priest.

Prayer before Holy Confession

(Read it; not to learn by-heart)

I confess my sins before God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Omnipotent, Omniscient and the Most Merciful; before the Holy Virgin St. Mary the Mother of God; before angels and all saints; and before you and your Holy Priesthood, my reverend father. Please accept me as the prodigal son. I have sinned with my heart, words, and deeds. I have sinned against heaven and before you. I wholeheartedly believe that whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. I do believe that you are the intermediator between God and myself. Therefore, I request you to bless me, forgive me and grant me remission of my sins; and remember me in your prayers and in the Holy Qurbana. Amen.

Two friends got a ten rupees bill from their school ground:



Nithin

"Let us give this to our teacher, Abhilash."



Abhilash

"No Nithin; no one has seen us. Let us buy some chocolates with this."



"Abhilash, it is not good. Don't we learn from the lesson of Zacchaeus, that

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"Sorry Nithin, I have sinned. You are right; let us give this money to our teacher.



"Oh great guys! Let us either give this back to its owner, or to deposit in the charity fund. Let your good model be an encouraging one to all.

What did Nithin say to Abhilash? (Discuss with your friends and write it down.)

HABITUATE

* Read a small portion from the Bible everyday *
Meditate on it * And Learn it *

CHAPTER 14 LEPER GIVING THANKS

Bible Reference: St. Luke 17:11-19

Bible Verse to Learn: "Your faith has made you well." (St. Luke 17:19)

Aims:

- To realize the importance of prayer.
- To realize the importance of thanksgiving.
- To realize the importance of asking, even though God knows everything.

Picture Reading - Mary and her friends



What do the pictures tell us?

1st Picture - Doctor treats Mary at the hospital.

2nd Picture -

3rd Picture -

4th Picture - Mary gives thanks to God.

When we become sick, it is obvious to go to hospital. But at the same time we need to pray to God. Jesus teaches us about what we, the true Christians, should do after getting cured. Look at the pictures below:

1. One day, ten lepers from a village approached Jesus. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Rabi, have mercy on us."

2. When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests."

3. And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

4. Then Jesus asked him, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of the found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"

5. Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

When leprosy affects, a person will lose his sensation of touch. Skin will become ugly because of rashes and ulcers. During the time of Jesus, lepers were alienated from the society. Now many specialty hospitals exclusively for leprosy are available for their treatment.

Activity (Personal):

Think about the goodness that God has given you...

(E.g., Good Health, Good Intellect, Loving Parents etc.)

Write a prayer praising God for giving you all goodness in your life:

Write down the Bible Verse of this lesson:

How do you give thanks in situations mentioned below? Write suitable thanksgiving words:

1. To a friend who helped you when you fell down from your bike.

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2. To a friend who gave you a pen in the classroom.

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3. To a friend who taught you a lesson which you didn't understand.

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Letter Writing:

One of your friends is admitted in a hospital suffering from terminal illness. Taking this lesson as an example, write a letter to your friend consoling him saying; be faithful in Jesus Christ, the ultimate healer.

Dear

Jesus Christ is the ultimate healer. Nothing is impossible to God.

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..... Let us give thanks to God.

With Prayers,

Answer the Following:

1. What did the lepers call out and say when they saw Jesus?
2. How many lepers did come back to Jesus after getting healed?
3. Who gave thanks to Jesus?
4. How should we behave to a sick person?
5. What was Jesus' reply to the leper who came back to him?
6. Jesus Christ is the of the sick.

Moral Practice:

1. Visit sick persons nearby your house and pray for them at least twice a day.
2. Do everything in prayer and strong belief.

CHAPTER 15

JESUS RAISES LAZARUS TO LIFE

Bible Reference: St. John 11: 1-45

Bible Verse to Learn: **“Christ is the Lord of both the dead and the living.”** (Romans 14:9)

Aims:

To understand that ‘if we believe, we will also see the glory of God’.



Scene 1

(While Jesus is speaking to his disciples, two persons enter.)

- Two Persons : Lord, in Bethany, Lazarus, whom you love so much, is terminally sick. His sisters, Martha and Mary have sent us here to inform you.
- Jesus : His illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.
(To his disciples) Come, let us go to Judea again.
- Disciples : Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?
- Jesus : Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them. (After one moment) Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.
- Disciples : Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.
- Jesus : (Realizing that his disciple had not understood him properly, Jesus makes it clear and saying,) Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.

Scene 2

Jesus and his disciples travel for a long distance to reach Bethany. And when Jesus arrives, he finds that Lazarus died and had already been in the tomb for four days.

- Martha : (Hearing that Jesus is coming, she run to him and saying aloud,)
Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of Him."
- Jesus : You brother will rise again.
- Martha : I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.
- Jesus : I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live; and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.
- Martha : Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.
(When Mary sees Jesus and disciples, she runs to Jesus, kneels down at his feet, saying,)
- Mary : Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.
(Mary weeps; seeing this everyone gathered also weeps.)
- Jesus : (With a weeping heart)Where have you laid him?
- Everyone : Lord, come and see.
(Jesus is crying.)
- Jews : See, how he loved him! He is crying.
- Some other Jews : Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?
(Jesus, having disturbed in his spirit, comes to the tomb along with others. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.)
- Jesus : Take away the stone.
- Martha : Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.
- Jesus : Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God? (They take away the stone.)
(And Jesus looks upward and prays,)

"Father, I thank You for having heard me. I knew that You always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that You sent me."

(When he said this, Jesus cried with a loud voice,)

"LAZARUS, COME OUT!"

(The dead man comes out, his hands and feet are bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth.)

Jesus : Unbind him, and let him go.

(They untie all his strips and let him free.)



Having seen this, everyone gets amazed and believes in Jesus.

Let us Pray

Every day we come to know about our friends, kin and kith, who suffer from various diseases and illnesses. Let us pray to Christ, the ultimate healer and the one who raised Lazarus from death to life:



Lord, we believe in your wholeheartedly. You have taught us that if we believe, we will see the Glory of God. Merciful Lord,

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.....that my friend, will be healed and glorify
Your name. Amen.

Answer the Following:

1. What was the name of Lazarus village?
2. Who were the sisters of Lazarus?
3. "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for"
4. What did the disciples say to Jesus about the thing going to happen, if they go back to Judea again?
5. Why do those who walk in the night stumble?
6. Who said this, "But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of Him"

CHAPTER 16 HOSANNA

Bible Reference: St. Matthew 21: 1-11

Bible Verse to Learn: "Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey." (Zachariah 9:9)

Aims:

To understand that Jesus Christ is the King of kings, and we need to humble ourselves in order to welcome Him.





Compare and contrast the entry procession of Jesus and a king:

- ✦ Jesus enters riding on a donkey.
- ✦ A king enters riding on a chariot.

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- ✦
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- ✦

When Jesus entered to Jerusalem on a donkey, everyone gathered there including children spread their cloaks on the road and cut olive branches; and waving the branches they sang aloud:

Children held olive branches
They were praising and saying,
"Hosanna! Hosanna!
Hosanna! Son of David!
Blessed is He who has come
And will come in the Lord's name."

Saithinkompukalenthiiithaa
Pinchukidaangalpaadunnu
"BhooswargangalilOoshaana!
DhaaveedathmajanOoshaana!
Vannavanumvaruvonumaho
Dhanyannikhileshasthothram."

Jesus' every act revealed that he was the Messiah (Saviour). Towards the end of his public ministry, and five days before the Feast of Passover, Jesus has done his triumphal entry to Jerusalem. And commemorating this particular event, the Church celebrates the Feast of Hosanna (Palm Sunday).

Could you write down any two things that happen in your church on Palm Sunday?

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Jesus sent two disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me." They brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd who accompanied Jesus spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from olive trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting aloud,

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven."

When the Jewish Pharisees and scribes saw these things, they became angry, and said to Jesus, "Order your disciples to stop." But he answered them,

"I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

And thus Jesus entered into the Jerusalem temple triumphantly and gloriously.

Ask your parents and write it down:

1. How do we welcome Metropolitans to the church?

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2. What are the preparations done in a house, where a priest enters with Holy Qurbana to give it to someone who is terminally sick?

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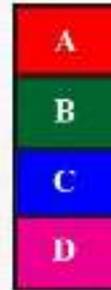
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My Grade given by Teacher:

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Improvise your answers with the help of your teacher:

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Mark to the wrong answers:

1. We should not take the blessed palm leaves to our houses.
2. We should not make cross with the blessed palm leaves.
3. We should not drop the blessed palm leaves down on the floor.
4. We should not tear the blessed palm leaves.

When Jesus enters to my heart,
I will decorate myself with:

Fill my heart with
divine love

I will sing praises
to Jesus



I will humble myself.

I will fill my heart with
gentleness.

I will say louder, "Jesus is
the Messiah" (Saviour).

Let us Sing and Praise (No need to learn by-heart):

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Shishubalanmaarpaadikeerthichon
Dheval Dheyacheitheedaname.

Kroobaganambhramamodupereedumpol
Gardhabhameritterushalemaarnon
Dheval Dheyacheitheedaname.

Yerushalempuripookeedumneram
Madhuraraavamshishuganamarpichon
Dheval Dheyacheitheedaname.

GiriSaithilninnerushalemolam
ShishubalanmaarOshaanapaadiya
Dheval Dheyacheitheedaname.

Vinayathalrakshayenalkiyasoona
Yuvashishuvrudhanmaarsthuthicheivone
Dheval Dheyacheitheedaname.

He Whom the children and infants praised
With palm branches singing Hosanna!
O God, have mercy on us.

He Whom the Cherubs carry with fear
The colt carried to Jerusalem
O God, have mercy on us.

He Whom the children and infants praised
With simple words in Jerusalem
O God, have mercy on us.

From the Mount of Olives to Zion
Children drew near singing Hosanna!
O God, have mercy on us.

Old and young, children and infants praise
The Son Who by His meekness saved us
O God, have mercy on us.

Answer the Following:

1. How many days before the Feast of Passover, do we celebrate Hosanna (Palm Sunday)?
2. Why did Jesus send his disciples to a village ahead?
3. What did the crowd shout aloud during the triumphal entry of Jesus to Jerusalem?
4. How should we prepare ourselves when Jesus enters into our hearts?
5. Why did the Jewish Pharisees and scribes become angry?
6. What was Jesus' reply to the angry Jewish Pharisees and scribes?

Complete the Soliloquy of the Donkey:

Oh! I am donkey. No one cares me. I am destined to laden heavy weights on my body than what I could bear. I tolerate all these pains without hostility. Haven't you heard about the "Huge Donkey's Load"??? But, you know, I will never forget that glorious day and that great journey. Oh God!! I was decorated with fine linen.....

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..... You know, when the Saviour entered on my back, I became worthy enough. Everyone welcomed me with great respect. See, it is not for me alone, but for everyone it is the same - we need to take the Saviour in our hearts. Then surely, our Saviour Jesus will take us into His heart as well

CHAPTER 17

FORGIVENESS TO A SINFUL WOMAN

Bible Reference: St. Luke 7: 36-50

Bible Verse to Learn: "Your faith has saved you." (St. Luke 7:50)

Aims:

To understand that Jesus Christ gives forgiveness to a truly repentant heart.



- Father : Ah! You both get your Sunday School textbooks. Let us prepare by reading again the lesson taught on last Sunday. Oh, one more thing to say you - tomorrow afternoon our vicar is visiting us. He is coming to our house as a part of his house visitation.
- Mother : (To the kids) When achen comes, you both have to go to the gate and invite him from there.
- Father : When he enters the house, you should say him to sit down. You are supposed to sit only after the achen sits on the chair.
- Mother : We need to keep our house very clean and neat, no more paper pieces anywhere. Achen will go to ammama's room and will pray for her keep ing his hand on her forehead. At that time you both should stand nearby prayerfully and with awe. When achen goes to wash his hands, you should provide him towel. You are supposed to give answers properly for every question achen asks you. All who are coming to our house are our guests. And when achen leaves you need to fold your hands and say him thanks.
- Kids : Yes Mom, now we understand how to welcome our achen.
- One day, one of the Pharisees named Simon invited Jesus to his house or a feast. And Jesus accepted his invitation. Washing the feet of the guests, anointing them with fragrant oil, hugging and kissing them were quite customary during that period. But Simon did not do anything while welcoming Jesus. What was the reason?

Find out the answer by making the following words into a sentence.

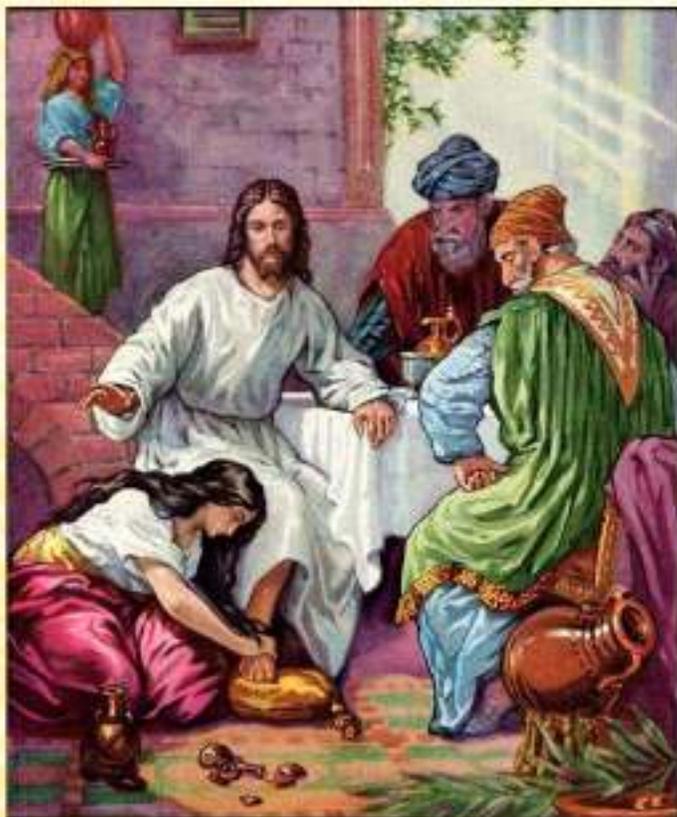
(Jesus, found, an ordinary person, Simon)

Jesus went into Simon's house and took his place at the table. Suddenly, a woman came near to Jesus with an alabaster jar. Oh, the villagers were commenting about her:

Look, she is a sinful lady.

She leads a bad life.

Her alabaster jar was full of very costly ointment of nard. Weeping terribly she sat on Jesus' foot.



She cried deeply because of her sins. She began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her long hair. She continued kissing his feet. Then she opened the jar and anointed his feet with the ointment. Looking at her, Jesus was sitting very quietly.

Having seen all those things, Simon, the house owner thought in his mind, "If this man was a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him - that she is a sinner."

Jesus, reading Simon's mind, said to him, "Simon, I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love and repentance." Nothing to reply, Simon stood there very quietly.

Then Jesus said to that woman,
"Your sins are forgiven; your faith has saved you;
go in peace."

Having her sins forgiven, she went back with a joyful and a grateful heart.
Let us sing:

Ajamo maado chengaliyo
 Kuru praavin kunjungaleyo
 Kaazhcha-yathaayitt-arppikkunnilla.
 Sheemon than bhavane vanna
 Paapi sthree pol iru thulli
 Kanneer kanden-mel deya thonname.

Write the correct number (1 or 2) according to the character of their personalities:

1. Sinful Woman	Bathed Jesus' feet with tears	2. Simon
	Led a sinful life	
	Doubted Jesus	
	Repented	
	Considered Jesus as an ordinary person	

Write any two greetings you say while welcoming guests to your house:

a. b.

The Way You Treat Your Guests:

	Yes	No
a. Go to gate to welcome them	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Do not answer for anything they ask you	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Hide inside your room	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Ask them whether they have brought anything for you	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Invite them to sit inside	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Do not come out from your room	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CHAPTER 18

JESUS THE SERVANT

Bible Reference: St. John 13: 1-20

Bible Verse to Learn: "All who exalt themselves will be humbled; and all who humble themselves will be exalted." (St. Matthew 23:12)

Aims:

We should not waste any opportunity to serve others. Anyone who follows Jesus has to be a humble servant of others.

Listen to a conversation between two passengers inside a bus:

- First : Hei dear one, where are you working?
Second : In a bank at Kottayam.
First : Great!! I am going to my daughter's house at Aluva. I don't know whether someone will be there at the bus station to get my luggage off from the bus.
Second : That's alright. I will help you uncle.
First : Oh, no; I don't mean it.
Second : It is okay. I know, uncle, you are too old and it is so heavy. Even I could help you to get it into an autorikshaw, when we reach there.
First : What a humbleness!! What a model!!
Second : Uncle, Jesus Christ is my model.
First : Thank you dear; and may God bless you.



Have you ever participated in the service of 'Washing of the Feet' (Kaalkazhukalshushrusha) on the day of the 'Feast of Passover' (Pesahaperunna)? It is an important service in our Church, conducted only once in a year. It is being done by a metropolitan sitting with twelve priests. The metropolitan washes the feet of the twelve priests and kisses them. The service of 'Washing of the Feet' is being conducted following Jesus' great model of humbleness.



The day of the Feast of the Passover came after Hosanna. Disciples said to Jesus, "Where do you want us to make preparations for the Passover meal?" Jesus said to Peter and John, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him; and wherever he enters, ask the owner of the house; and he will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready." Then the two disciples went to the city and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. On the dusk of the day, Jesus entered into the room along with his twelve disciples and ate the Passover meal there.



This famous picture of the 'Last Supper' was drawn by a popular Italian sculptor cum painter. Find his name?

When everyone had taken their places in the upper room, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took the cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

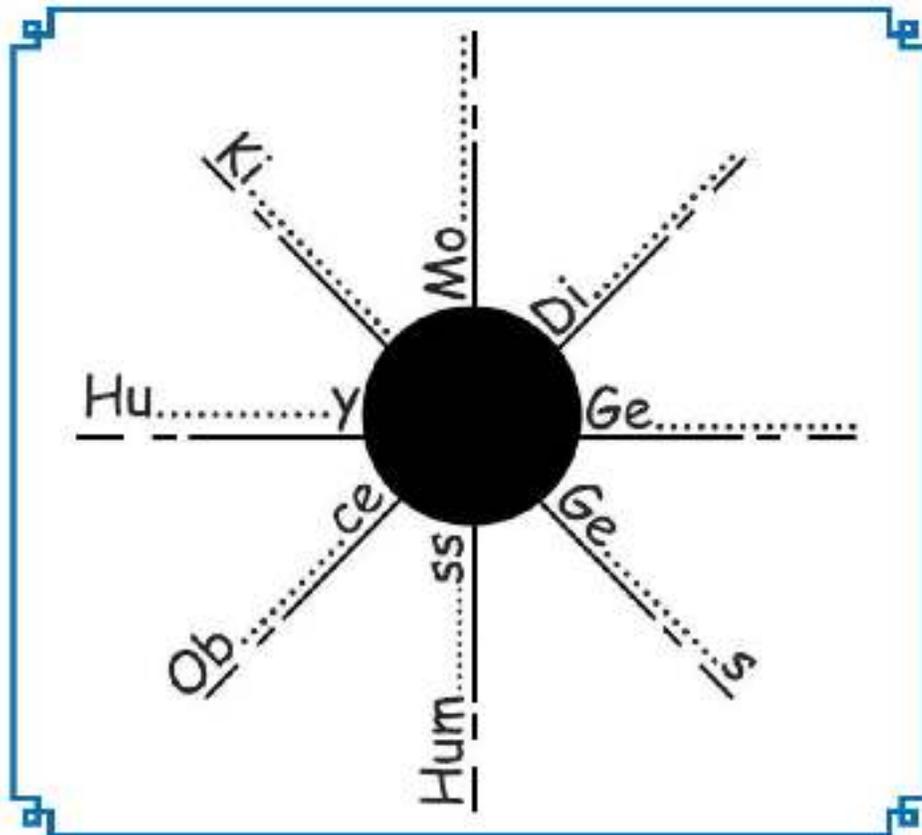
After this, Jesus got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. During that period, slaves were forced to wash the feet of their masters. But here, Jesus who was the Son of God, humbled himself and exhibited the great model of servanthood by washing the feet of his disciples like a slave.

Jesus was washing the feet of his disciples one by one. When he came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Hearing this Peter replied, "Lord, not my feet only but also wash my hands and my head!" After washing the feet of everyone, Jesus said, "If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." And he gave them instructions on humbleness and then completed the Feast of Passover.

WORD SUN

What are the qualities we need to have to perform Jesus' Model? Complete the 'Word Sun' by writing the suitable words from the bracket:

(Humbleness, Humility, Discipline, Kindness, Obedience, Generosity, Gentleness, Modesty)



Write Suitable Caption:

(Humbleness, Generosity, Quarrel)



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Answer the Following:

1. What did Jesus teach his disciples by washing their feet?
 - a.
 - b.
2. How did the disciples find the place for preparing the Passover meal?
3. Who said to whom - "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me"?
4. What did Jesus say after taking a loaf of bread, blessing it and giving it to his disciples?
5. Write a letter of appreciation to the bank employ who helped the old man to carry his luggage?

CHAPTER 19

HAPPINESS AND SADNESS

Listen to an incident happened in Molly Teacher's class:

Molly Teacher : Hei, what happened to Minikutty? You look very sad. Everyone else is very happy; but why you are so sad?

(No one said anything for a while.)

Neha : I will tell you teacher. Her elder sister failed in Year 10 exam. Everyone else in her class has passed the exam. Even the entire family is so sad.

Molly Teacher : Oh, what happened to her sister? She is a good student. Didn't you go for a reevaluation?

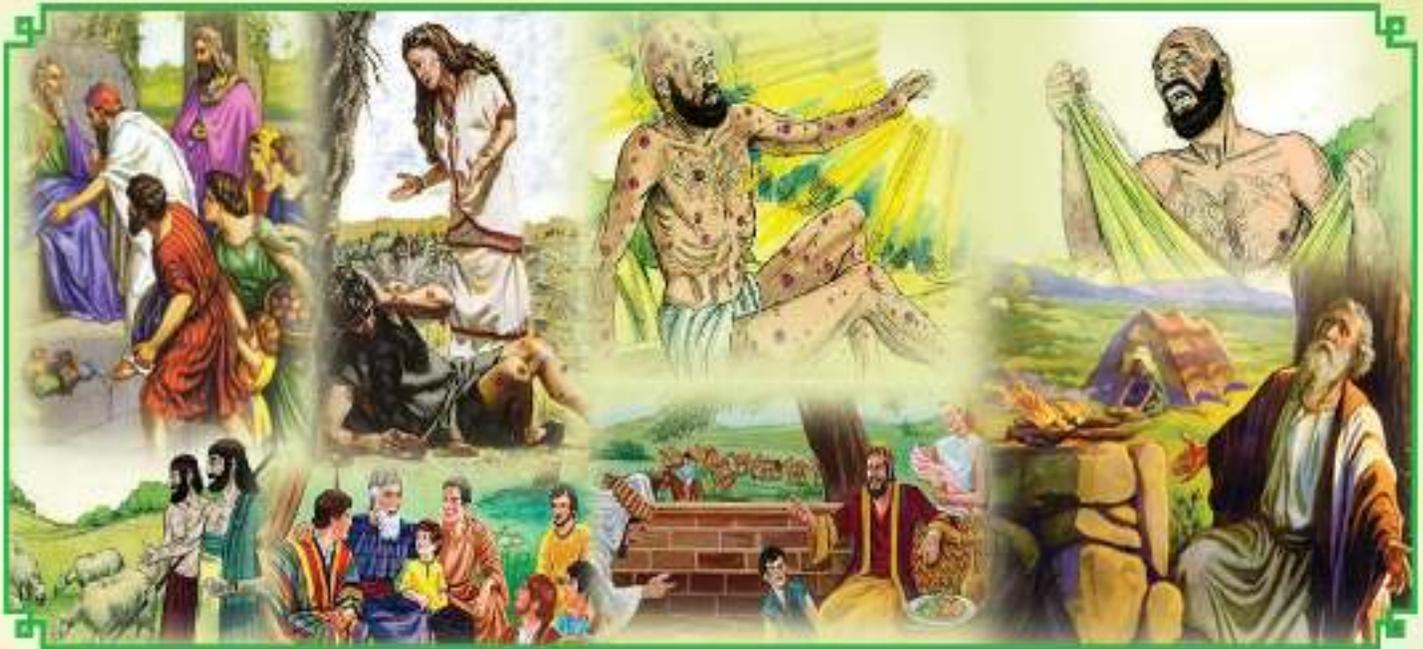
Neha : There is a reason behind her sister's failure. In the morning of the day of her Hindi exam, she fell down and her right arm got fractured. There was a huge swelling. She went to the hospital and got treatment on that morning itself. Although she came for the exam, she couldn't write it because of severe pain. She got A+ in all other subjects. (Everyone consoled Minikutty.)

Molly Teacher : It is okay. Why so much to worry about? She could appear for the SAY exam (supplementary exam) and pass for the subject. Look my dear kids; our life is a mixture of happiness and sadness. There is a night for a day; and a valley for a hill. See, 'rose' is so beautiful, isn't it? And it smells enchanting. But there are thorns everywhere on its stem. Our life is also the same. When we have slight sorrows in our lives, we should not be much depressed and sad; and at the same time when we have some delightful moments, we shouldn't be overwhelmed and prideful.

Kids : Teacher, now Minikutty's sadness is getting relieved. Thank you.

Today, let us get familiar with a person in the Bible.
And let us learn from him how to lead our life in happiness and sadness.

Look at the Picture



This person's life was a mixture of happiness and sadness. God called him 'righteous'. Do you know who was he? And what happened to him?

JOB

Listen to the words of Job:

"Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Let the children read Job chapter 1. Each kid reads at least two verses. And answer the following questions:

1. Write the goodness and sadness of Job?

Goodness of Job

1. Plenty of Servants

2.

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4.

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Sadness of Job

1. Animal wealth was carried off by robbers.

2.

3.

4.

5.

2. What did Job do when he was blessed with richness? (Verse 5)
3. What did Job do when he had to suffer with bad things? (Verse 22)
4. Who is the true friend with us always, either in happiness or in sadness?

Jesus Christ

Do you know what was the reward given by God to Job who praised Him during his happiness and in his sadness?

"Lord gave Job everything twice as much as he had before"

Let us praise Jesus in our happiness and in our sadness. All our sorrows will go away and we will be consoled with hope and peace.

Remember Always

**When we share our happiness, it will increase twice;
When we share our sorrows, it will decrease half.**

Let us share our sorrows with Jesus.

LITURGICAL SONGS

1. Thirusutharaai varuvaan namme
Avarullappol padippicha thaathanmaare
Orkkenam praarthana qurbanakalil naam
Azhivillathoru mokshathil,
Nayavaanmar amalanmaarodorum
chaashwaasamavarkkarulatte dheivasuthan.

Moriyo....

In oblations and in prayers
Mention we our blest forebears
Taught they us the truth to see,
Children of our God to be
Christ's atonement be their stay
In God's realm of endless day;
With the righteous and the just
Praising God in perfect trust.

Moriyora hem...alainoodharain.

2. Mannamakalkkai shlomo
Vanneki dhoothavaran
Ninnodu kooden Naathanni-
nnil thannudhayamathum.

Barekhmor.

Akhilajagalpathiye naayaka-
naayettighoshicha-
ngathi bahumaanichu Mariyam
Valuthaam padavaai than.

Moriyo...

Peace the bright archangel brought,
Hailing Mary fair,
Favored is thy blessed lot
Thou the Lord shall bear.

Barekhmor.

Like a ship did Mary bear
Laud and honour be
Him, the captain and the Lord
God of all the world.

Moriyo...

3. Naadha krupacheyyanamalivaal
Krupa cheyyanamutharamaruli
Krupacheyyaname ninakkusthuthi
Krupa njangalilundaakatte - Haleluyya.

Lord, have mercy upon us
Lord, be kind and have mercy
Answer Lord, and have mercy
Praise to Thee on us be grace - Haleluyya.

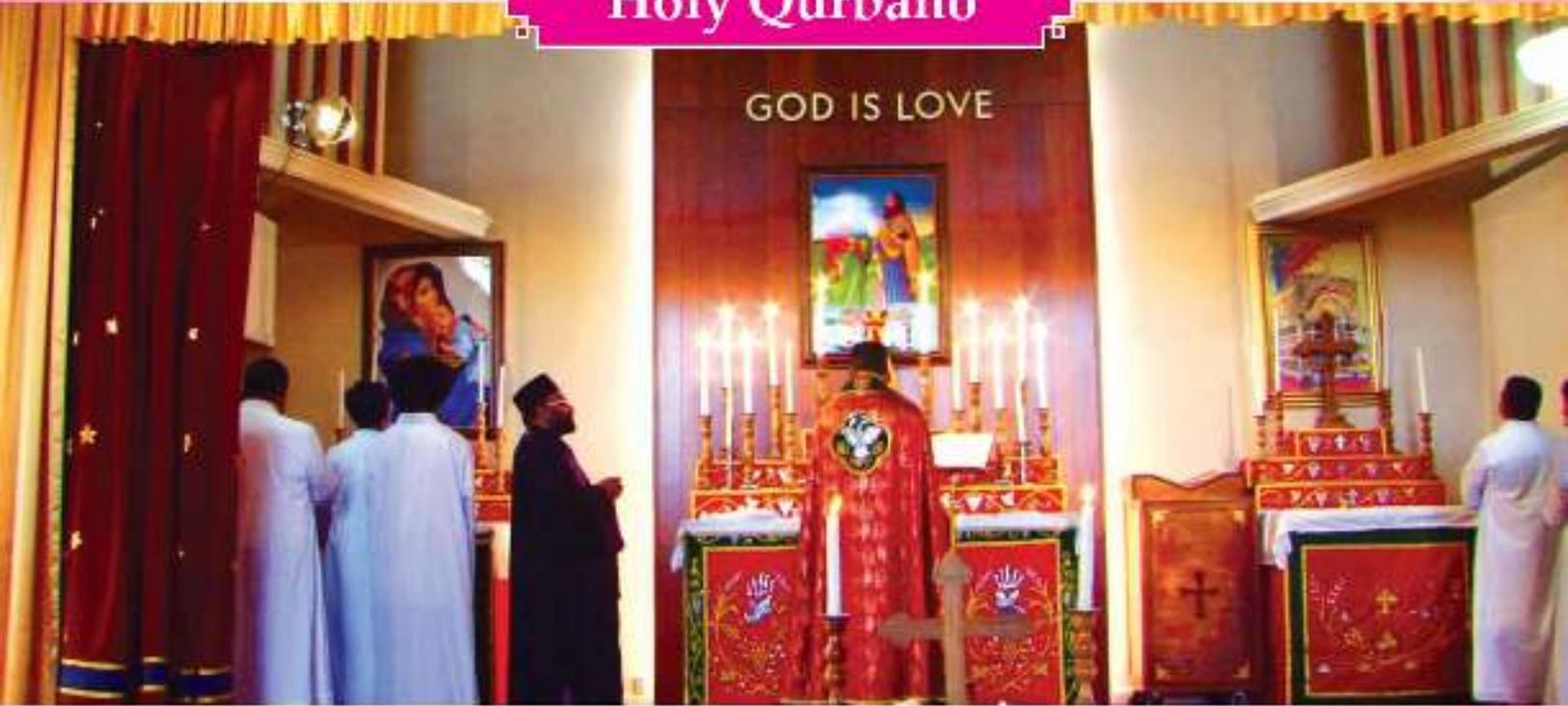
4. Sthuthi uyarangalil Naadhannum
Bahumathi than maathaavinnum
Pukazhum mudi sahadenmaarkkum
Krupa mritharilundaakatte - Haleluyya.

Glory be to God on high;
To His mother honor be,
To the martyrs crowns of praise,
Grace and mercy to the dead - Haleluyya.

5. Maathaavu yachikkum - parishudhanmaarum
Naadha! Punyam nalkingu marichorkkum.

By Thy mother's plea - and of all Thy Saints
Lord, absolve our sins, - and with us, our dead.

Holy Qurbano



Why do we observe Sunday as the day of worship?

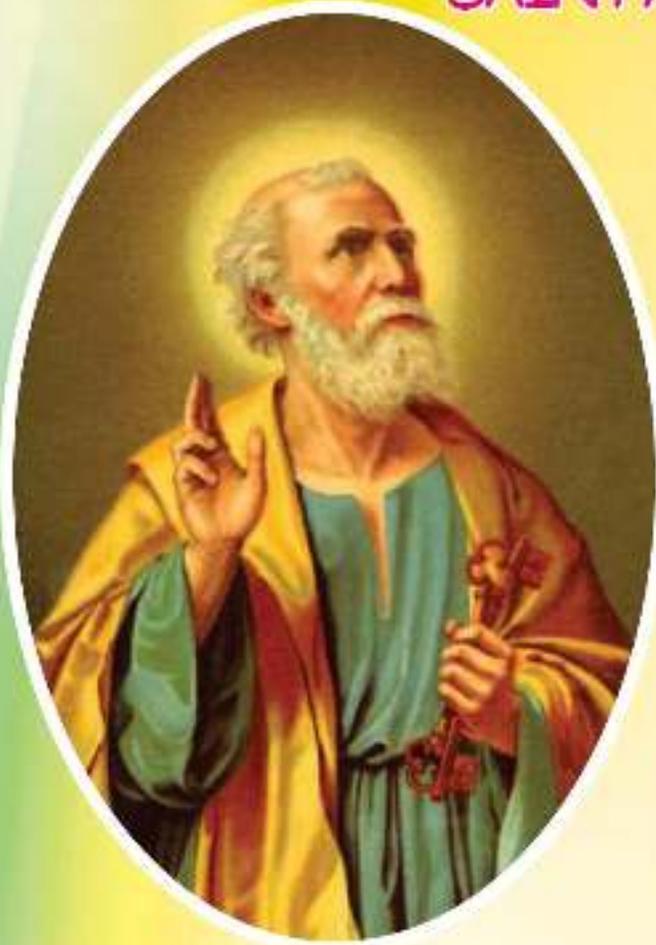
Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ was resurrected on Sunday, the first day of the week. It was mostly on Sundays that Jesus appeared to his disciples. The day of Pentecost, on which the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles who were awaiting it, was a Sunday. And because of these reasons, the Church teaches us to observe Sunday as the Lord's Day.

Let us sing and praise together:

Ella dhasangalil valuthu njaayarnaal thanne
Ihaparamaake shrushtikalum modhikkunneedhinam
Dheivathronos - ithil mahimappedunnu
Reksha vaartha - ithilariyikkunnu
Jeevikal marichavarkkaaswaasam prethyashayumundaa
Kabaril ninniha Karthaavumu yirthezhunneteedhinam
Haleluyya - sabha modhikkunnu.(2)

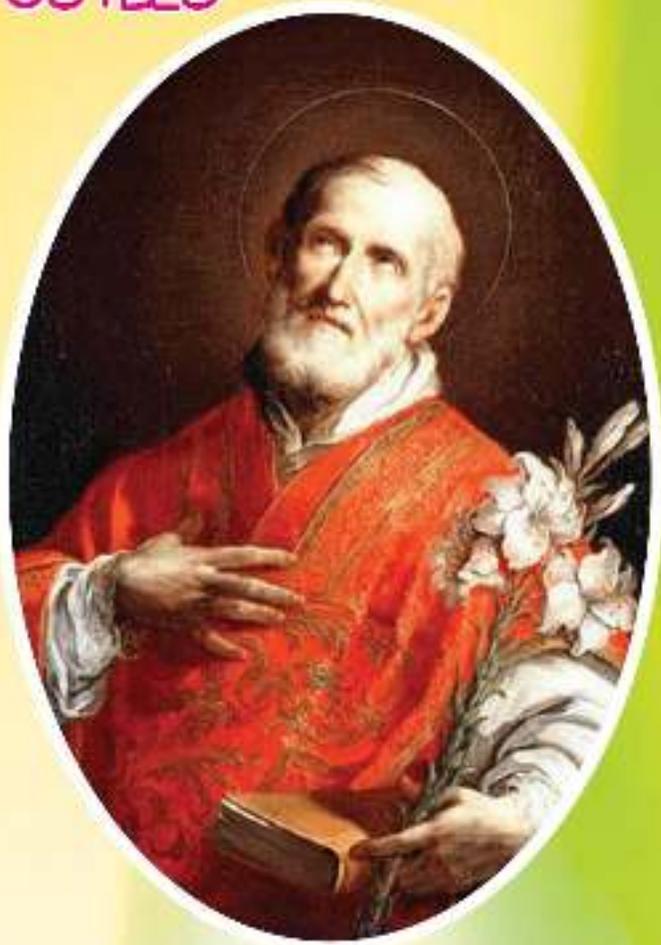
(Sunday is the greatest of all days; and on this day the entire creation in heaven and earth rejoices. The divine altar is glorified and the good news of salvation is proclaimed on this day. The living and the dead have received comfort and hope by the resurrection of the Lord from His tomb on this day. And glory be to God that the Church rejoice in this day.)

SAINT APOSTLES



St. Peter, the Apostle

1. First among the apostles
2. Established the Holy Throne at Antioch in AD 37
3. Called us Kepha (Rock)
4. Father - Jonah
5. Brother - Andrew
6. Persecuted by Emperor Nero
7. Crucified to death upside down



St. John, the Apostle

1. Apostle whom Jesus loved the most
2. Witnessed the crucifixion of Jesus
3. Gave St. Mary a shelter in his house
4. Exiled to the island of Patmos
5. Wrote the Book of Revelations
6. Known as the 'apostle of love'
7. The only apostle to have a natural death

Let us Sing Together

Pathivrathayaam - paripaavanasabhaye
Vaano-n-kaanthan - vettori-neram
Sheemon Yo - hannanennivare-
Aahvaa-nam-che-ithelppiche-vam
Veedin-bharanam-Shee-mo-ne
Suvise-sham-Yoha-nnaane
Kalppi-chaan-vilaye-ree-dum
Re-ktha-thaal njaan vaangiyoree
Sabhaye-ningal-samnekshippin.

Holy Church - to heavenly groom
Betrothed was - sacred and clean
Exhorted, commissioned were
Simon and John - by the Lord then
Simon - to keep the house safe
Gospel - to John was trusted
Lord ex-horted them again
This Church - that I bought with all
Mine own precious - Blood, thou keep safe

Match the Following

Kepha -
Book of Revelation -
AD 37 -
Nero -

Antioch, Roman Emperor, Rock, St. John

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In the path of tolerance...



St. George



St. Thomas



St. Mary



Mor Behanam

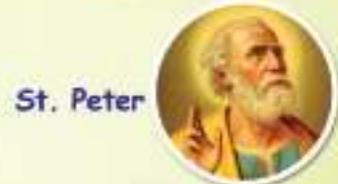


St. Stephen



St. Paul

“Remember your leader, those who spoke the Word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.”



St. Peter



Mor Kuriakose Sahadha



St. Yeldho Mor Baselios



St. Gregorios Abdul Jaleel



St. Ignatius Alias III

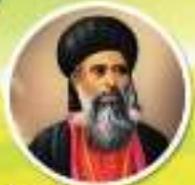


St. John the Baptist

St. Sleeba Mor Osthatios



Mor Shabor Mor Aphroth



St. Gregorios of Parumala



St. Paulose Mor Athanasius of Aluva

Preface of the Project:

The founding of the Church, established by our Lord, was held in Jerusalem. After the ascension of Jesus to heaven, the apostles and the faithful used to gather together in Jerusalem Temple for prayer. When St. Stephen was stoned to martyrdom, the persecuted faithful of the Church ran away and scattered around Judea, Samaria and Antioch. From the time of the Roman Emperor Nero to about two hundred and fifty successive years, the Christian Church had tolerated various persecutions. The freedom of worship was denied. 'To be a Christian' was considered a crime. And the Christians, who were reluctant to worship Roman idols and emperors, were killed and persecuted brutally. St. Peter, St. Paul, St. James, St. Ignatius Noorono, St. George, St. Kuriakose, the 40 martyrs of Sebaste and many others were martyred for Christ. Our Church teaches us to commemorate the feasts of all saints and martyrs. Let us submit ourselves to their intercession.

Concluding Song of the Project

Dhushtanodadaraadaan
+Sleeba vaahikalaam
Sahadhenmaar chennu
Vaalal chedhitharaayi chilar
Chilaragniyilanthyam kandu
Dhushtan dharshichaarppittu
Madipoondillavarum poril
Punyam nalkanamavar yaachanayaal.

The martyrs put on
The Cross+ as armor
And fought with Satan;
Some were slaughtered by the sword,
Some were burned by the fire;
But they were not overcome;
Which enraged the evil one;
By their pray'r, have mercy on us.

PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE KIDS

Research materials could be collected from teachers, parents, elders, and priests.

Additionally make use of religious books, Church journals like 'Atmadeepam', newsletters like 'ViswasaSamrakshakan', Supplements of Particular Feasts etc. to get an understanding of the biographies of the saints and martyrs. You need to write only about St. Mary, any three saints, and any three martyrs (altogether seven) mentioned in the above list.

Beautify your project work by including suitable pictures.

No individual biography is expected to be written more than two pages of an A4 sheet.

Submit your work to your teacher by giving a suitable title for your project.

Do not forget to make its cover page attractive.

You could collect the data during the time of your Onam/half year vacation; and submit it within one month. Your teacher will be giving a grade after evaluating the entire structure, preface, knowledge, data, and style of presentation.

You are encouraged to use the given preface and the concluding song.



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