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Bilical Covenants

God's Covenant with Us



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To help children understand the meaning of the word "Covenant."
- To teach about the Covenant that God has made with us.
- To lead children into a Covenant relationship with God.



SCRIPTURE PORTION

Genesis 1:28-29; 2:16-17 (God's Agreement with Adam and Eve).



MEMORY VERSE <

1 John 3:1: See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

SAMPLE CONTRACT

Contract will: finish my kunch on ime and not dawdle. teacher will : give me ish sticker. Then, I will To ickers. igned: mbertus

MEMORY VERSE CONTRACT

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My teacher	promise she/she will:	
Then, I will get:		
	promise next Sunday:	
SIGNED:		
	ME	
	MY TEACHER	-
	TODAY	

A Contract Is an 'Agreement'

It involves a Requirement and Promise:

You're required to learn one memory verse every week and you agree to fulfill this requirement.

(Eg. You promise to learn the memory verse. In return, the teacher promises to give you a sticker for each memorized verse).

It involves a Reward:

If you keep your promise next Sunday, the teacher will reward you with a sticker.

It involves a Punishment:

If you don't keep your promise next Sunday, the teacher will make you write the memory verse ten times.

- When you sign this contract, it shows that you agree to the three things mentioned in the contract: the promise to fulfill the requirement, the reward and the punishment.
- In the same way, when the teacher signs the contract, it shows that he/she also agrees to the three conditions in the contract.

In the same way, God made an 'agreement' with Adam and Eve when He created them.

GOD'S AGREEMENT WITH ADAM and EVE

Like most contracts, God's 'agreement' with Adam and Eve had three parts:

Their 'Agreement' had a Promise and Reward:

Genesis 1:28-29: God gave them His blessing and said: Have a lot of children! Fill the earth with people and bring it under your control. Rule over the fish in the ocean, the birds in the sky and every animal on the earth. I have provided all kinds of fruit and grain for you to eat.

God promised to bless them and take care of them.

Humans would be given the privilege to rule over everything on earth as kings and queens.

Their 'Agreement' had a Requirement:

Genesis 2:16-17: But the Lord told him, "You may eat fruit from any tree in the garden, except the one that has the power to let you know the difference between right and wrong. If you eat any fruit from that tree, you will die ...

They were required to never eat the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge.

Their 'Agreement' Had a Punishment:

Genesis 2:17: If you eat any fruit from that tree, you will die ...

If they broke the agreement and ate the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge, then they'd suffer the punishment of death.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

On the Cross, Jesus took the sins of the whole world on Himself. He took everybody's punishment upon Himself. Does this mean everybody is now a friend of God? Does this mean everybody will go to heaven?

Wh	at must we do to become part of God's Covenant?
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After entering God's Covenant of Forgiveness, what do you think will happen if I commit a sin (such as telling a lie)? Will God change His mind once again and send me to hell?



APPLICATION

If you have not done so earlier, today choose to become part of God's family by agreeing to accept His Covenant:

1. Admit you are a sinner.

"All of us have sinned and fallen short of God's glory" (Romans 3:23).

2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent).

"... you can be sure that if you don't turn back to God, every one of you will also die" (Luke 13:5).

3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead.

"God loved the people of this world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who has faith in Him will have eternal life and never really die" (John 3:16).

<u>4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your life to become your</u> Lord and Saviour.

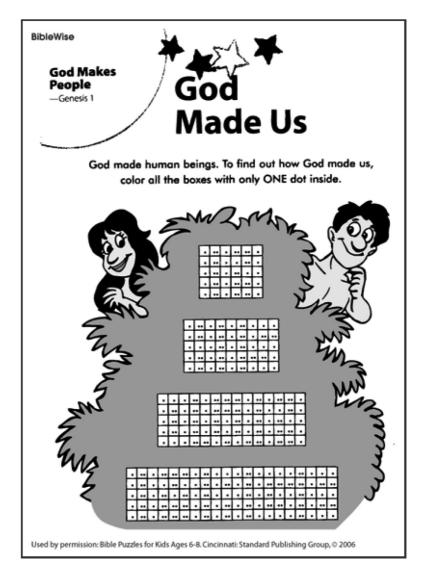
"So you will be saved, if you honestly say, 'Jesus is Lord,' and if you believe with all your heart that God raised Him from death. God will accept you and save you, if you truly believe this and tell it to others" (Romans 10:9-10).

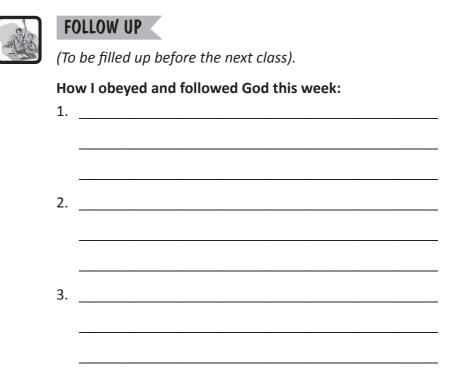


TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

God made Adam and Eve

(Taken from BibleWise)







Restal Covenants

Nature of God's Covenant



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To teach that God is Faithful to His Covenant.
- To explain how God 'Establishes' His Covenant.



SCRIPTURE PORTION

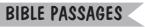
Deuteronomy 7:9; Genesis 6:18; Leviticus 26:44; Isaiah 59:1-2 (God's Covenant Faithfulness)



MEMORY VERSE

Deuteronomy 7:9: Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commandments.





God Is Faithful to His Covenant

Deuteronomy 7:9:

... So love Him and obey His commands, and He will faithfully keep His agreement with you and your descendants for a thousand generations.

Question: According to this verse, how long does God promise to keep His covenant?

Answer: _____

God Establishes His Covenant

God is not only trustworthy, He is also very capable. He has the wisdom and power needed to fulfill every Covenantpromise that He makes to us.

Genesis 6:18:

But I will establish My covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.

Question: What do you think it means to 'establish' the Covenant? How will God 'establish' His Covenant with us?

Answer: ______



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Why do you think God doesn't forget His Covenantpromises, the way humans do? What makes Him different?

What if I choose to live in sin and rebellion? Will God 'establish' His Covenant (cause His Covenant "to stand") in my life, even then?

Leviticus 26:44: No matter what you have done, I am still the Lord your God, and I will never completely reject you or become absolutely disgusted with you there in the land of your enemies.

What this verse means:

Isaiah 59:1-2: The Lord hasn't lost His powerful strength; He can still hear and answer prayers. Your sins are the roadblock between you and your God. That's why He doesn't answer your prayers or let you see His face.

What this verse means:

How can we say that God 'established' His covenant in Job's life? Didn't God allow him to lose all his money? Didn't God allow him to suffer with painful sores?



APPLICATION

I promise to love and obey God by doing the following things, next week:

1.	 	
2.		
3.		

Keep your promises to God. Never forget them.

Some difficulties that I'm facing in my life:

1. _____

2. ______ 3.

In your time of difficulty, continue to trust and obey. The Lord will fulfill all His Covenant-promises in your life.

I will pray for the following people, so that they too will choose to be part of God's Covenant:

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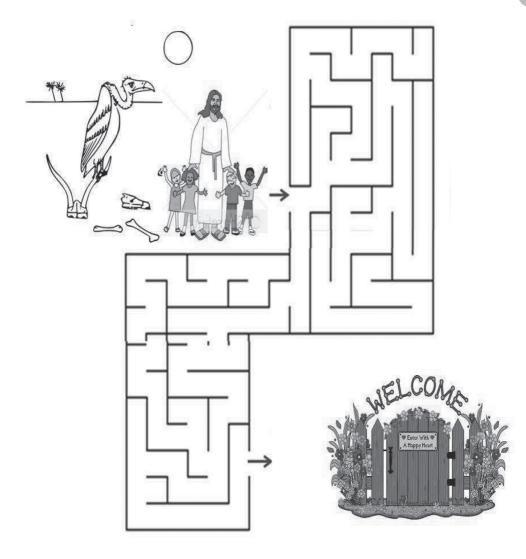


TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Jesus Establishes His Covenant-Promises

(Adapted from DLTK's Growing Together)

Trace the route which Jesus will take to lead His children from a Season of Suffering to a Season of Peace and Prosperity.





How I practised the Scripture Lesson during this week:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____



Balacal Covenants

The Blood Covenant



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To help children see that there is "God-given life" in the blood.
- To teach that the Blood Covenant requires submission of our WHOLE Life.



SCRIPTURE PORTION <

Leviticus 17:11; Genesis 2:17; Romans 6:23 (His Life in Exchange for Ours)



MEMORY VERSE

Leviticus 17:11: "... the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life."

UNDERSTANDING SYMBOLS



When you see this symbol at the Airport, what does it stand for?



When you see these symbols in a School, what do they stand for?



When you see this symbol in the bus, what does it stand for?



When you see this symbol in front of the School, what does it stand for?



When you see this symbol at the Mall, what does it stand for?



When you see this symbol in the Church, what does it stand for?



When you see this symbol in front of the Hospital, what does it stand for?

Symbols are picture-drawings that say something to us. Even though they have no voice, they tell us what to do.

Let's look at one more symbol:



When we see this symbol on a hospital door, what does it stand for?

When God looks at blood, He thinks of 'Life.' When God breathed into Adam, He breathed "physical life" into His blood.

His Life Sacrificed in Exchange for Ours

The Bible explains very clearly that the punishment for sin is 'death':

- God warned Adam and Eve, "... you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die" (Genesis 2:17).
- Paul also taught that, "Sin pays off with death ..." (Romans 6:23).

When Adam and Eve sinned, God put the "punishment of death" on a sacrificed lamb.

God sacrificed the lamb's life, in exchange for their lives.

The lamb represented the sacrifice which Jesus Himself would make one day, for ALL of us.

Therefore, Leviticus 17:11 says, "Life is in the blood, and I have given you the blood of animals to sacrifice in place of your own."



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS <

If Jesus had not sacrificed His life on the Cross, would you and I be physically alive today? Why or Why not?

If we're alive because of Jesus' sacrifice, then how must we live? How much obedience does Jesus expect from us? Do only Christians have God's 'life' flowing in their blood? Or do non-Christians have it too?

Based on all that we have studied today: What is "physical life?"

What is "spiritual life?"



APPLICATION

I'm going to submit to Jesus in obedience, in these areas of my life:

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I'm going to tell these people about "how" they can have "spiritual life" too:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. 4._____ 5.



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Animal Sacrifices Represented Jesus Shedding His Life-Blood for Us

Connect the dots to find out what is being sacrificed on the altar.





(To be filled up before the next class)

How I practised the Scripture Lesson during this week:

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B*G*** Covenants

God's Covenant with Noah



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To explain the background to the Noahic Covenant.
- To show the significance of the 'Rainbow.'
- To teach that the Name of Jesus alone can save us from future judgment.



SCRIPTURE PORTION

Genesis 6, 8:22, 9:1-17 (The Noahic Covenant)



MEMORY VERSE

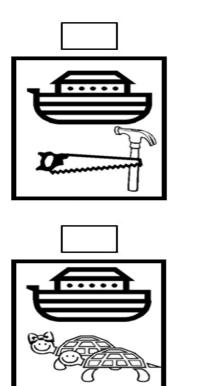
Genesis 9:15: I will remember My covenant between Me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.

THE NOAHIC COVENANT

(Taken from DLTK's Growing Together)

The pictures given below describe the Story of God's Covenant with Noah. But the pictures are not in the correct order.

- Can you number them in the right sequence?
- Also, can you explain how each of the objects in the four pictures, are connected to the Noah story?









DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Why do you think God used the sign of a 'rainbow' to mark His covenant with Noah?

Over the last three weeks we have seen how loving God is. If He is so kind, how could He allow millions of people to drown in the flood? Why do you think He punished the people so terribly?

Genesis 6:1-8:

More and more people were born, until finally they spread all over the earth. Some of their daughters were so beautiful that supernatural beings came down and married the ones they wanted. Then the Lord said, "I won't let my life-giving breath remain in anyone forever. No one will live for more than one hundred twenty years." The children of the supernatural beings who had married these women became famous heroes and warriors. They were called Nephilim and lived on the earth at that time and even later.

The Lord saw how bad the people on earth were and that **everything they thought and planned was evil.** He was very sorry that He had made them, and He said, "I'll destroy every living creature on earth! I'll wipe out people, animals, birds, and reptiles. I'm sorry I ever made them."

But the Lord was pleased with Noah ...

People are saying that the world has now become just as evil as in Noah's days. Do you really think this is true? And if so, do you think God will now send one more flood?

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare (2 Peter 3:10).



APPLICATION

Proverbs 18:10 clearly explains that the Name of the Lord is like an Ark of Safety:

"The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe."

How to make Jesus your Safe Ark:

A. Confess the sins in your life and repent of them:

Psalms 32:3-5: Before I confessed my sins ... Your hand weighed heavily on me ... So I confessed my sins ... Then You forgave me and took away my guilt.

I admit (confess) that these 'weaknesses' in my life are actually "sins against God."

1.	
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B. Obey Jesus' Instructions:

Psalms 32:8-10: You said to me, "I will point out the road that You should follow. Don't be stupid like horses and mules that must be led with ropes to make them obey." All kinds of troubles will strike the wicked, but Your kindness shields those who trust You, Lord.

Some 'instructions' that God is reminding me to obey:

C. Pray for Protection:

Psalms 32:7: ... we should always pray whenever we find out that we have sinned ... You are my hiding place! You protect me from trouble, and You put songs in my heart because You have saved me.



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

(Taken from DLTK's Growing Together)

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Noah's Ark Anagram

Word List:

bcdeeeino

altar, animals, evil, flood, months, obedience, promise, rainbow, raven, supplies



dfloo	
aailmns	
eilppssu	
eilv	
hmnost	
abinorw	
eimoprs	
abinorw	
eimoprs	
aenrv	
aalrt	





(To be filled up before the next class)

How I practised the Scripture Lesson during this week:

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Bilical Covenants

Mosaic Covenant vs New Covenant



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To show how the New Covenant is superior to the Old Covenant.
- To explain how Jesus saves and helps us under the New Covenant.



SCRIPTURE PORTION <

Exodus 19-20; Galatians 5:18; 1 John 1:9; Revelation 13:8; Hebrews 4:15-16 (OT and NT Covenants)



MEMORY VERSE <

Words scrabble on Page 40 contains the Memory Verse.

OLD COVENANT vs NEW COVENANT

OLD COVENANT

- 613 Laws to Obey
- The People Failed to Obey
- The People felt Guilty and Far from God

NEW COVENANT

- Holy Spirit replaces the 613 Laws (Galatians 5:18)
- God gives the ability to Obey (Philippians 2:13)
- No Guilt Left; Friendship with God possible (1 John 1:9)

Galatians 5:18: But if you obey the Spirit, the Law of Moses has no control over you.

Hebrews 8:6: Now Christ has been appointed to serve as a priest in a much better way, and He has given us much assurance of a better agreement.

1 John 1:9: But if we confess our sins to God, He can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Why do you think God gave the Israelites 613 laws under the Old Covenant? Isn't this a little too much to ask? When the Old Covenant was introduced, God came to the people with thunder and lightning. But when the Lord came with a bigger and better Covenant, He came as a helpless baby. Why didn't He make a grander entrance the second time?





Some specific sins that the Holy Spirit is convicting me about:

1.			

- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Under the New Covenant, the Holy Spirit is our teacher and guide Make a conscious effort to obey His promptings in your heart

Some temptations that I find difficult to overcome:

1. _____

- 2. _____
- 3. _____

God is working in you to make you WILLING and ABLE to obey Him (Philippians 2:13). JESUS UNDERSTANDS EVERY WEAKNESS OF OURS, because He was tempted in every way that we are. But He did not sin!

So whenever we are in need, we should come bravely before the throne of our merciful God. There we will be treated with undeserved kindness, and WE WILL FIND HELP (Hebrews 4:15-16).

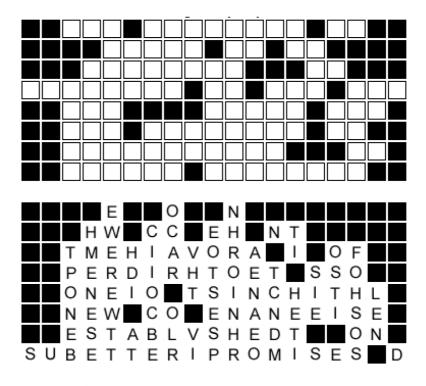


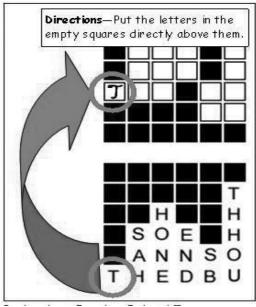
TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Memory Verse

(Created online at GospelHall.org)

The following puzzle is a "Dropped Verse." All of the letters in the white squares have fallen to the ground. Raise them back up into their places to see what the Memory Verse says.





Write down the Memory Verse:

Hebrews 8:6: _____

DON'T FORGET TO MEMORISE THE MEMORY VERSE!





(To be filled up before the next class)

How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:

1. 2._____ 3. _____



Respected Contents

God's Covenant of Salt



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To explain why God calls His covenant a "Covenant of Salt."
- To encourage the children to make "salted offerings" to the Lord.



SCRIPTURE PORTION <

2 Chronicles 13:5; Leviticus 2:13; Colossians 4:6; Deuteronomy 14:28-29; Matthew 5:13



MEMORY VERSE

The Crossword Puzzle on Page 48 contains the Memory Verse.

SIGNIFICANCE of a SALT COVENANT

<u>2 Chronicles 13:5:</u> Don't you know that the Lord, the God of Israel, has given the kingship of Israel to David and his descendants forever by a Covenant of Salt?

 This verse refers to God's Covenant as a "Covenant of Salt."

Why do you think God called it a Salt Covenant?

Why not call it a Covenant of Sugar? Or a Covenant of Honey?

Reason 1

Salt is used to preserve food items from rotting. When we preserve things in salt, they last for a very long time.

 So God called His Covenant a "Covenant of Salt." He wanted the people to know that His covenant would last forever. It wouldn't decay after a few hundred years.

Reason 2

Also, salt purifies things. For instance, in olden times, people rubbed a newborn baby with salt, to purify its skin. The salt destroyed all the germs on the skin of the baby.

• So God called His Covenant a "Covenant of Salt." He wanted the people to know that His covenant was pure and holy. We can trust God hundred percent because He will never secretly deceive or cheat us.

GOD has commanded SALT-FLAVOURED OFFERINGS

Leviticus 2:13: Season all your grain offerings with salt. Do not leave the salt of the covenant of your God out of your grain offerings; add salt to all your offerings.

When God declared that "salt-flavoured" sacrifices and offerings were compulsory, He was essentially saying:

"If you want to make any promise or commitment to Me, let it be a long-term one that you'll always keep.

I'm not interested in short-term promises that you plan on breaking;

so don't even make them."



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

God has Commanded Salt-flavoured Offerings

Colossians 4:6: Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

 According to this verse, the words we speak must be like a salted offering to the Lord. The same way eating salted popcorn brings great pleasure, the words we speak to people must bring them great pleasure. This pleases the Lord.

What are the different ways in which we must speak, to bring pleasure to the Lord and people?

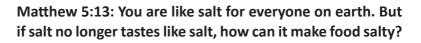
- When speaking to parents and elders ______
- When speaking with friends ______

- When speaking to people who are sad or discouraged ______
- When disagreeing strongly with somebody about something ______
- When sharing the Gospel with a non-Christian _____
- When speaking to siblings at home ______
- When speaking to a servant ______

When we speak carefully, using the correct tone of voice (rather than shouting rudely at people), our words taste like "salted popcorn" to the Lord. They bring Him great pleasure.

Deuteronomy 14:28-29: Every third year, instead of using the ten percent of your harvest for a big celebration, bring it into town and put it in a community storehouse. The Levites have no land of their own, so you must give them food from the storehouse. (You must also give food to the poor who live in your town, including orphans, widows, and foreigners. If they have enough to eat, then the Lord your God will be pleased and make you successful in everything you do). • According to this verse, the people were to bring their salted offerings to the Temple. This was then used to feed those who worked at the Temple, and also those who were poor and orphaned.

Today, what kind of salted offerings can we make to the Lord, which will benefit those in full-time ministry, and those who are poor and orphaned?



 According to this verse, we're supposed to offer ourselves as salted offerings while living on this earth. The same way salt makes people thirsty for water, we must make people thirsty for Jesus—the Living Water.

What are some things that we can do to make people thirsty for Jesus?

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The way we think, speak and behave will either attract people towards Jesus, or push them away from Jesus. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?





Salted Offerings that I'm going to Make:

- God has made a Covenant of Salt with you, which will last forever. You can always depend on Him.
- But can He depend on you? Are you giving Him salted long-term offerings?

Three things I'll do to improve the way I speak to people:

1.	
2.	
3.	

How I'm going to use my pocket money to help the Church/ help people:

Changes I'll make in my choices/behaviour/speech to attract people to Jesus:

1.

2.		
3.	 	

My Commitment

- God has committed to keep His Covenant-promises <u>FOREVER.</u>
- I commit to keep my promises (which I have mentioned above) for _____ weeks/ months/ years (write down the specific number of weeks/ months/years).

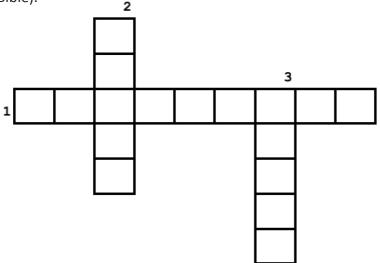


TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

(Created by Crossword Puzzle Maker at www.GospelHall.org)

Memory Verse

(This Memory Verse is taken from the NIV Version of the Bible).



DON'T FORGET TO MEMORISE THE MEMORY VERSE!



FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class)

How I practised the Scripture Lesson during this week:



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Bilical Covenants

God's Covenant and My Daily Life



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To teach that, under the New Covenant, God has written His laws on our hearts.
- To motivate children to obey God's voice in their hearts.



SCRIPTURE PORTION <

Hebrews 10:16; Ezekiel 11:19; Philippians 2:13 and 4:13 (God's Laws in our Hearts)



MEMORY VERSE <

Hebrews 10:16: This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.

MIGRATING BIRDS

Read about some of the Migrating Birds that God has made, and answer the questions which follow:

The Arctic Tern flies all the way across the globe, from the North Pole to Antarctica, covering 450 miles.
The Blackpoll Warbler migrates from the USA to South America. It flies non- stop for 86 hours over the Atlantic Ocean, covering more than 2,300 miles.
The Bobolink flies from the Canadian prairies to the pampas of Argentina, covering more than 6,000 miles.
The Golden Plover flies from Newfoundland across the Atlantic Ocean, going all the way to Brazil,which is 2,800 miles away.
The Ruby-Throated Hummingbird migrates from the Canadian prairies to the West Indies.
It flies 500 miles across the Gulf of Mexico, on a 25-hour nonstop flight.

Answer the following Questions :

Which bird flies the longest distance?

Which birds fly non-stop?

Why do they fly non-stop? Why don't they rest?

THE LAW OF GOD IN OUR HEARTS

Hebrews 10:16: This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.

Ask:

This verse says that God will write His laws on our minds. Will He literally do so? **Ezekiel 11:19:** I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.

Ask:

According to this verse, what do you think is written in our hearts?

Philippians 2:13: ... it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose.

Ask:

According to this verse, what does God do inside our hearts?

Philippians 4:13: I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.

Ask:

According to this verse, what does God do for us under the New Covenant?



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

If God's laws are written on people's hearts, then why do they continue sinning? Why do they murder, steal and cheat?

What do you think will happen to us if we ignore the voice of the Holy Spirit and do sinful things? For example, what will happen if I decide to lie to the teacher, to protect my friend who has done something wrong? Sometimes God asks us to do things that are very difficult. He may ask me to be loving towards my brother, even when my brother is selfish and mean. Is it really possible to obey God in such cases? How do I do it?



APPLICATION

God made a Covenant with us to write His laws on our hearts. He did this so that we would feel a strong urge to obey Him and stay under His protective covering.

Take some time to reflect on what God has been saying to you in your heart.

I sense that God is pleased with me about the following things:

1.	
2.	
3.	

I sense God correcting me about the following things:

- 3. _____

The same way birds sense and obey what God has placed in their hearts, we too must obey when we sense God's Voice correcting us.



FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class)

How I practised the Scripture Lesson during this week:

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