

ANTIOCH CHICAGO
SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

UNIT III THEME – OUR HOLY GOD AND THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

LESSON TOPIC

A LIFE MAP

UNIFYING TOPIC

The Holy Scriptures

BACKGROUND PASSAGE

Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Joshua 1:8-9; 2 Kings 22:8-20;
Nehemiah 8:1-8; Psalm 19:7-14; Luke 24:25-32;
Acts 17:10-12; 2 Timothy 3:14-17

LESSON PASSAGE

Psalm 19:7-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-15

LESSON TEXT

- I. The Perfection of God's Word – (Psalm 19:7-8)
- II. The Power of God's Word – (Psalm 19:9-13)
- III. The Purpose of God's Word – (2 Timothy 3:14-15)

THE MAIN THOUGHT

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, NRSVue)

UNIFYING PRINCIPLE

People long for a framework to build lives filled with meaning and purpose. What provides the foundation for such a life? Psalm 19 upholds God's Law as a reliable way to know Him, while Paul's letter to Timothy affirms Scripture's essential role in shaping a faithful response to God throughout one's life.

LESSON AIM

To show that both the psalmist and Paul recognized God's Word as perfect, powerful, and purposeful, guiding believers to live faithfully and bring glory to God.

LIFE AIM

We are blessed that God has entrusted us with His Word, offering divine guidance for living with purpose and meaning. The more we apply it to every part of our lives, the more we experience its transformative power. Those who ignore its value risk living without proper direction, while those who embrace it walk in blessing and truth.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PURPOSE STATEMENT

To teach the life-changing power of God's Word resulting in salvation to the lost, transformed lives, and renewed and strengthened relationships in Jesus Christ. – (Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

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LESSON TOPIC

LETTING GO OF WORRY

UNIFYING TOPIC

Our Heavenly Father

BACKGROUND PASSAGE

Exodus 34:4-7; Psalm 103:1-5, 10-14; Isaiah 40:27-31;
Matthew 6:24-34; John 3:3-6; 4:20-24; 8:40-47;
Romans 2:2-11; 8:14-17; 1 John 4:7-16

LESSON PASSAGE

Matthew 6:24-34

LESSON TEXT

- I. The Foundational Choice of Loyalty – (Matthew 6:24)
- II. The Futility of Anxiety – (Matthew 6:25-30)
- III. Prioritize Kingdom Living – (Matthew 6:31-34)

THE MAIN THOUGHT

Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. (Matthew 6:34, KJV)

UNIFYING PRINCIPLE

Some people are never satisfied with what they have and spend their lives striving for great wealth. What is more important than great wealth? In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches that because our Heavenly Father knows our needs and provides for them, we can let go of worry and pursue the righteousness of God.

LESSON AIM

To show that Jesus' disciples do not need to worry about their daily needs because their Heavenly Father lovingly cares for them.

LIFE AIM

To affirm that through faith in Jesus Christ, those who choose to serve God can trust Him to provide for their needs, releasing anxiety and focusing on His Kingdom and righteousness.

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LESSON TOPIC

SAFE AND SECURE

UNIFYING TOPIC

Christ the Savior

BACKGROUND PASSAGE

Luke 2:11, 30-32; 15:3-7; John 3:14-17; 10:9-11, 14-16, 27-28;
Acts 3:1-18; Romans 5:1-11; Philipians 2:5-11; 2 Timothy 1:9-10

LESSON PASSAGE

Luke 15:3-7; Romans 5:6-10

LESSON TEXT

- I. Passionate Pursuit of the Lost – (Luke 15:3-7)
- II. Understanding the Depth of God's Love – (Romans 5:6-10)

THE MAIN THOUGHT

For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. (Romans 5:10, KJV)

UNIFYING PRINCIPLE

People who feel disconnected or without a sense of belonging often wander through life lost and alone. Who can rescue such a person? The same extravagant love that compelled the Shepherd to seek the lost sheep (Luke 15) is the love that moved God to send Christ to die for sinners, reconciling them to Himself (Romans 5).

LESSON AIM

To show that even in our lostness and separation from God, our salvation was not compromised—because God demonstrated His love by sending His Son to save us while we were still sinners. This act of grace reminds us that our reconciliation with God is based on His initiative, not our merit.

LIFE AIM

Sin separates us from God, but even then He does not give up on us. Instead, He lovingly waited for us to acknowledge our need for Him. When we return to Him, we find salvation. At that point we can joyfully declare, as did John Newton in “Amazing Grace”: “I once was lost, but now I am found” – all because of the unfailing love of our Heavenly Father.

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LESSON TOPIC

HOW THREE MAKE ONE

UNIFYING TOPIC

The Holy Spirit

BACKGROUND PASSAGE

Joel 2:28-29; Luke 11:9-13; John 3:5-8; 14:16-17, 26;
15:26-27; 16:7-15; Acts 2:1-21, 32-33; Romans 8:1-17, 26-27;
1 Corinthians 12:1-13; Ephesians 1:13-14; 3:14-21; 4:1-6, 30

LESSON PASSAGE

Romans 8:12-17, 26-27

LESSON TEXT

- I. The Spirit-Led Obligation – (Romans 8:12-13)
- II. The Spirit's Confirming Leadership – (Romans 8:14-17)
- III. The Spirit's Intercessory Ministry – (Romans 8:26-27)

THE MAIN THOUGHT

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: (Romans 8:16, KJV)

UNIFYING PRINCIPLE

People find their greatest fulfillment when their actions align with their true selves, values, and character. What shapes one's core identity? Romans teaches that the Holy Spirit advocates and adopts believers, assuring them they belong to God.

LESSON AIM

To show how Paul expresses believers' benefits since giving their lives to Christ and receiving the Holy Spirit. They are no longer bound to their sinful desires but are empowered by the Holy Spirit, who guides them to live in Christ.

LIFE AIM

It is a blessing to know that we no longer have to be driven by sinful desires. With the Holy Spirit operating in our lives, we are obligated to allow Him to guide us toward a more productive way of living.

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