

Middler Student Book • Spring Quarter 2015



Attendance Passport: Tear out the inside front and back cover for the first week. This is the memory verse and attendance record passport. Each week the students will add a sticker to their passport for their attendance and a sticker for reciting the previous week's verse.

To make the passport, help the students fold both pages in fourths. Place the passport cover page, folded in half with the cover facedown, on a table. Place the other page, folded in half, on top (so Lesson 4 and 5 boxes face up with the open edge down). Staple the pages in the center crease and fold into a passport. Refer to picture.

cut

Dear Parents,

We are thrilled that you've chosen to bring your child to the Middler Department of our Sunday School. Spring is an exciting time of year—fresh smells, anticipation of Easter, and a new quarter for learning important truths about God.

Partnering with You

This spring, your child will "travel" through the exciting books of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth. The first half of the quarter begins with Joshua taking command of the Children of Israel and trusting the Lord as he leads God's people to enter the Promised Land and conquer it. The Bible lessons focus on what "faith in action" looks like and how God's power is sufficient to help us with our problems. It also celebrates Easter with a lesson on our victory over sin and death because of Christ. The second half of the quarter introduces the judges that God raised up to rule and to deliver the Israelites from their enemies. Your child will learn how God helped people, whether they were weak or strong, to accomplish daunting and dangerous tasks. Students will be challenged to use their talents and abilities to wholeheartedly serve the Lord.

Review with Your Child

This quarter's memory verses are listed on the back of this page. Please help your child learn the weekly memory verse by reviewing it at home throughout the week. A sticker will be added to your child's Truth Traveler's Passport after he or she recites the verse in class the following week.

Show an interest in your child's activity pages and devotionals in the Truth Traveler's take-home papers. Your child will benefit from your guidance and involvement in the study of God's Word.

Sincerely,

(teacher)



Spring Quarter 2015 Unit Overviews

Weeks 1-6

Conquering the Land

This unit focuses on the biblical accounts of Joshua's life as he takes command over the Israelites, leading them through many battles and tests of faith. The lessons teach about God's power and faithfulness in taking care of us during difficult times. The students will recognize the need to obey and pray to God, depending on Him with courageous faith.

Weeks 7-13

Settling the Land

Through the lives of Joshua, Deborah, Gideon, Samson, and Ruth, the last eight lessons will teach your child the importance of trusting the Lord and pleasing God by desiring what He desires. Your child will learn that in order to be self-controlled, selfless, and surrendered to God, the Bible must be the greatest influence in his or her life.



Middler Student Book • Spring Quarter 2015

Note to teacher: This book is perforated so you can tear out each page, work through it in class, and send it home with the student. Each page includes directions for completing the review activities on that page. Encourage the student to take his page home and share it with his parents and other family members. Cut off the bottom portion of this page to send home with the parents on the first Sunday of the quarter, or deliver it personally before the quarter begins.

Memory Verses

March 8

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

March 15

"But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?" (James 2:20).

March 22

"Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite" (Psalm 147:5).

March 29

"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap" (Galatians 6:7).

April 5

"Everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:40).

April 12

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5, 6).

April 19

"Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth" (Joshua 24:14).

April 26

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10).

May 3

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the LORD our God" (Psalm 20:7).

May 10

"For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21).

May 17

"With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!" (Psalm 119:10).

May 24

"Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established. Do not turn to the right or the left; remove your foot from evil" (Proverbs 4:26, 27).

May 31

"Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others" (Philippians 2:4).





Be Courageous!

Instructions: Color the pictures and then answer the questions. Read Joshua 1:1–11 and 2:3–7, 15, 16.



1. How did Joshua show courageous faith in today's lesson? _____

(Joshua 1:1–11)



2. How did Rahab show courageous faith in today's lesson? _____

(Joshua 2:3–7, 15, 16)

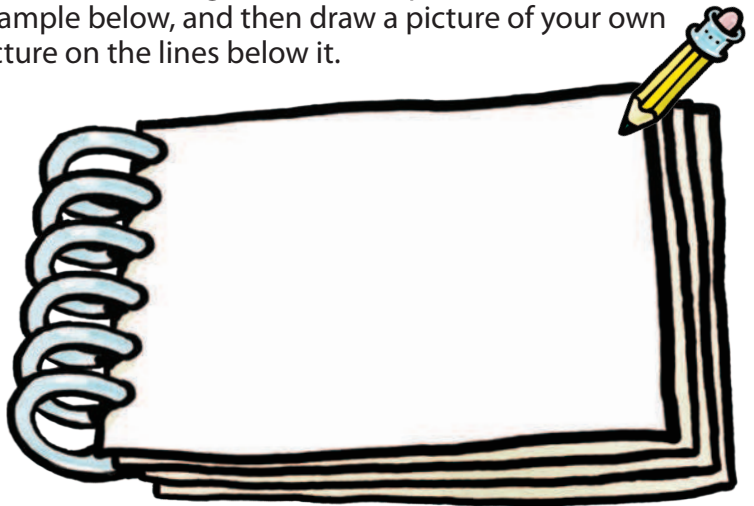
My Courageous Faith

Courageous faith comes when we trust completely in God. He promises to be with us at all times. You may not have to lead an army into battle or hide people on your roof, but can you think of a situation when you would need courageous faith to obey God?

Instructions: Think of a time when you know it would take courageous faith to speak out, come to the rescue, or stand up for your beliefs. Look at the example below, and then draw a picture of your own idea in the empty box. Write a caption for your picture on the lines below it.



It takes courageous faith to talk to other people about your obedience to God.





Smuggling Bibles

After a smart scholar named Erasmus published the New Testament in Greek, an Englishman named **William Tyndale** began work on a new English translation of the Bible. He wanted people to be able to read the Bible for themselves and know God's truth, but the Church of England was corrupt and did not agree. Because it was too dangerous to stay in England, Tyndale did his translation work in Germany. The first printing of Tyndale's English New Testament was in 1526. At great risk, he smuggled copies into England by hiding them in bales of cotton. The bishop of London didn't want people to read it, so he bought as many copies as he could in order to burn them. But Tyndale wisely used the money to print more Bibles!

Ten years later, however, Tyndale was betrayed by someone who pretended to be a friend. He was jailed, sentenced to death, and burned at the stake. Truly he stayed firm in his faith to the end.

Find and circle the eleven hidden Bibles that come in all different sizes and colors.

