

CHRIST

Lesson Overviews

09/09

Lesson 1: The Bible on Jesus (Jesus as the Focus of the Bible)

Biblical Passage: John 1:1–5, 14; 5:31–47

Supporting Passages: Colossians 1:13–23; Philippians 2:5–11

Memory Verse: John 1:14

Biblical Truth: Jesus Christ, who offers eternal life to all people, is the central figure of the Bible.

Context: In the lesson and the three that follow, students will be introduced to Jesus through prophecy and the account of His birth. Christ was with God from the beginning of time. When we study the Scripture with this in mind, we will see that Christ's work is present in the entire Bible and not just the Gospels.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand that all of Scripture points to Jesus.
- Students will begin to value Jesus, the Messiah, who came to save them from their sin and give them eternal life.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #10

Q | Who is Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ is the Son of God, fully human and fully divine, the promised messiah who came into the world to redeem people from sin and establish his kingdom on earth.

09/16

Lesson 2: How Did They Know Before He Came? (Old Testament Prophecies About Jesus)

Biblical Passage: Isaiah 9:1–7

Supporting Passages: Genesis 3:15; Micah 5:2; Isaiah 49:1–6; 53;

55:5 **Memory Verse:** Isaiah 9:6

Biblical Truth: God's prophets spoke of the Messiah's coming for centuries before His birth

Context: This lesson continues with the introduction of Jesus Christ. It allows students to see a glimpse of the promise of Christ in the Old Testament. Students will discover that Jesus fulfilled the words of many prophets. Believers can delight in knowing that since creation God had been preparing the world for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand that Jesus' birth fulfilled Old Testament prophecies made centuries before.
- Students will apply their understanding by trusting that God keeps His promises as He did with the promise of Jesus.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #9

Q | Who are the prophets?

The prophets are chosen by God to show nations and individuals their sin, to call them to obedience, and to present the hope of the Messiah.

09/23

Lesson 3: The First Christmas Song (Praising God with Joy)

Biblical Passage: Luke 1:39–56

Supporting Passage: Luke 1:26–38

Memory Verse: Luke 1:49

Biblical Truth: Mary responded with praise to God because she knew His character.

Context: This study continues with the introduction of the coming of Christ. Students will see the reactions and responses of Mary as she was told she would give birth to Jesus, the Messiah. In obedient faith she expressed a hymn of praise to God in confidence of what He would do through the Son she would bear. With this response we may begin to understand how miraculous the birth of Jesus was and is to humankind.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand Mary's reasons for glorifying God.
- Students will apply their understanding by responding in belief through praise.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #1

Q | Who is God?

God is personal, eternal Spirit, Creator of the universe, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father.

09/30

Lesson 4: God's Great Gift (Jesus' Birth)

Biblical Passage: Luke 2:1–20

Supporting Passages: John 1:1–18; Matthew 1:1–17; Luke 3:23–38

Memory Verse: Luke 2:11

Biblical Truth: Jesus' coming was a gracious gift that expressed God's love for humanity.

Context: In the first few lessons of this series, students have learned about the prophecies and the announcement of the coming Christ. In this week's lesson, students will read about the experience of the birth of Christ. God Himself came to Earth as an infant to show His incredible love for His people. The world has not been the same since this great, life-changing event.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand the details of Jesus' birth and His saving mission for all people.
- Students will apply their understanding with a worshipful response.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #8

Q | What is meant by God's faithfulness?

God's faithfulness means God loves and cares for us throughout all our lives, both in good times and bad times.

10/14

Lesson 6: Jesus' Advance Man (John the Baptist Prepares the Way)

Biblical Passage: Matthew 3:1–12

Supporting Passages: Mark 1:1–8; Luke 3:1–20

Memory Verse: Matthew 11:11

Biblical Truth: The prophet John the Baptist, a contemporary of Jesus, prepared people for Jesus' ministry by calling them to repentance and pointing them toward Jesus the Messiah.

Context: This lesson provides the background for Jesus' early ministry by considering the ministry of His relative, John the Baptist. Wearing the rough clothing of a prophet and existing on locusts and wild honey, he announced the Messiah's coming and demanded repentance—life-changing transformation—from those who would be ready for Christ's harvest of followers. John baptized those who confessed and repented with the baptism of repentance.

Learning Goals:

- Student will understand the importance of the life-changing repentance required of those who join the Kingdom of God.
- Students will practice the skill of personal repentance.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #12

Q | How does one become a Christian?

A person becomes a Christian by trusting in what God has done through Christ's death on the cross and resurrection from the dead. This is God's gift received through repentance of sin and faith in Jesus Christ as savior and Lord.

10/21

Lesson 7: A Bird, A Model, and Some Water (Jesus' Baptism)

Biblical Passage: Matthew 3:13–17; John 1:29–34

Supporting Passages: Mark 1:9–11; Luke 3:21–22

Memory Verse: Acts 2:41

Biblical Truth: Baptism does not bring salvation, but is a righteous act of obedience according to the command of Christ. It is also an important way of identifying oneself with Jesus.

Context: The account of Jesus' baptism is recorded near the beginning of all four Gospels. Jesus' baptism was an appropriate beginning to His ministry. His entire ministry pointed to His fulfillment as the Messiah. His baptism and God's response emphasized that Jesus was God's Son even before He began His ministry. All four Gospels record how John was used by God to proclaim the coming of the messiah prior to Jesus' baptism.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand that Jesus' baptism occurred in obedience to

God's plan, symbolized the beginning of His public ministry, and demonstrated His commitment to the work of God's Kingdom.

- Students will apply their understanding by determining ways to identify with Christ.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #11

Q | What is the sacrament of baptism?

Baptism is the sacred use of water, commanded by Jesus Christ, to signify God's cleansing of our sins and our welcome into the family of God.

10/28

Lesson 8: Tested, Tried, and Triumphant (Jesus and Temptation)

Biblical Passage: Luke 4:1–13

Supporting Passages: Matthew 4:1–11; Mark 1:12–13

Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16–17

Biblical Truth: Jesus overcame temptation by responding appropriately with the Word of God.

Context: Jesus' temptation is included in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. His temptation is reminiscent of Israel's wilderness journey related in Deuteronomy 6–8. Like Jesus, the Hebrew people experienced many tests. Jesus' 40 days of fasting in the wilderness paralleled Israel's 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. Once Jesus overcame these temptations, He began His ministry to the people of Israel.

Learning Goals:

- Students will explore the methods Satan used to tempt Jesus.
- Students will consider how effectively they use the steps Jesus took to overcome temptation.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #2

Q | What do we believe about the Bible?

We believe that the Holy Scriptures, Old and new Testaments, are the word of God and the only perfect rule for faith, doctrine, and conduct.

11/04

Lesson 9: Following the Call (Jesus Calls and Commissions His Disciples)

Biblical Passage: Matthew 4:18–22; 9:9–13

Supporting Passages: Matthew 4:18–22; 9:9–13; Luke 5:1–11; 9:1–6

Memory Verse: Matthew 4:19

Biblical Truth: Jesus calls us to follow Him because He wants to use us to reach other people.

Context: In this lesson and the seven that follow, learners will consider how Jesus revealed Himself to His followers. During Jesus' time in the desert, He focused on praying and fasting. After His temptation, Jesus returned to His home region of Galilee and began His public ministry. During this time, He used the words "Come, follow me" for the first time as He called the 12 disciples. The call of the disciples comes very early in the Gospel of Matthew. This suggests that

Jesus wanted the disciples to be a part of His ministry from the very beginning.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand Jesus' call to those who would follow Him.
- Students will begin to value the call by becoming a follower of Jesus.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #24

Q | What is the purpose of the Church?

The purpose of the church is to glorify God, celebrate new life in Christ, build up one another in faith and love, proclaim and teach the gospel everywhere, and care for the needs of the world.

11/11

Lesson 10: Need Meeter (Wedding Feast at Cana)

Biblical Passage: John 2:1–11

Memory Verse: Philippians 4:19

Biblical Truth: Jesus' miracles revealed His divine authority and glory.

Context: After calling His disciples, Jesus attended a wedding in Cana. The wedding guests included Jesus' mother, other family and friends, and His disciples. While at the wedding, Jesus performed the first recorded miracle and revealed Himself for the first time as Messiah. Though John includes fewer miraculous signs than the other Gospels, he did include several. Changing water into wine is the first of seven miracles described in John 1–11.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand Jesus' glory as demonstrated through His miracles.
- Students will begin to value entrusting God with their needs, knowing He is able to meet them.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #21

Q | What does it mean to believe in the Trinity?

To believe in the Trinity is to confess that God is one, and that he continually and personally makes himself known to us as Father, son, and Holy Spirit.

11/18

Lesson 11: A Second Birthday (Jesus and Nicodemus)

Biblical Passage: John 3:1–21

Memory Verse: John 3:16

Biblical Truth: Heaven and eternal life come only through new birth by God's Spirit.

Context: After His miracle at the wedding, Jesus met a Jewish leader named Nicodemus. Nicodemus came to Jesus at night, seeking answers about the Kingdom of God. In His time with Nicodemus, Jesus proclaimed for the first time the necessity of being born again through faith in order to experience eternal life.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand what is necessary to experience eternal life.

- Students will begin to value the eternal life God offers through faith in Jesus Christ.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #16

Q | What is salvation?

Salvation is the work of God through Christ by which God forgives us our sin, frees us from guilt, and restores us to a right relationship with God.

12/02

Lesson 14: Making a Difference (Sermon on the Mount, Part 1)

Biblical Passage: Matthew 5:13–16,43–48

Memory Verse: Matthew 5:16

Biblical Truth: By following the high standards Jesus gave His followers, we can influence others to know and glorify God.

Context: At the end of chapter 4, Matthew noted that Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee preaching, teaching, and healing the sick. Many were desperate people who thought they had no hope under their present circumstances. Jesus healed their physical ailments and taught principles for daily living that would cause them to make a difference and have an impact on others who did not know God.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand Jesus' command to be the salt and light of the world.
- Students will apply their understanding by determining ways they can be salt and light in the world.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #7

Q | What is meant by a covenant between God and his people?

A covenant between God and his people is an agreement in which God promises his care and faithfulness as his people respond in faithful obedience.

12/09

Lesson 15: Don't Worry About It (Sermon on the Mount, Part 2)

Biblical Passage: Matthew 6:19–34

Supporting Passage: Matthew 6:1–7:29

Memory Verse: Matthew 6:27

Biblical Truth: By maintaining a right attitude toward treasures and by trusting God in every situation we face, we can experience the most abundant life.

Context: As Jesus continued to teach the people gathered to hear His Sermon on the Mount, He provided a proper view of treasures, explained how to overcome worry, and, most importantly, encouraged hearers to shift their focus so that they would strive solely for the things of God.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand that, above all else, seeking God should be the primary focus of a Christian's life.

- Students will apply their understanding by evaluating their attitude toward their possessions and needs in light of Jesus' teachings.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #3

Q | What is God's relationship to the world?

God created the world by his Word, sustains it by his power, and entrusts it to the care of human beings.

12/16

Lesson 19: Like a Rock (The Church)

Biblical Passage: Matthew 16:13–20

Supporting Passage: Matthew 16:13–28

Memory Verse: Matthew 16:18

Biblical Truth: The church is made up of people who confess Christ as God's Son and are being used by Him to advance God's kingdom.

Context: Jesus asked His disciples who the crowds thought He was. Following Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus responded that He would build His Church with those who made such a confession and that hell itself would not be able to overcome His Church.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand and confess Christ as God's Son, Savior, and Lord.
- Students will begin to value how they fit into the Church and its purpose.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #23

Q | What is the Christian Church?

The Christian Church is all who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and who are united in one body with Christ as head.

01/06

Lesson 22: Rooted or Rootless? (Parable of the Sower)

Biblical Passage: Mark 4:3–20

Supporting Passages: Mark 4:1–20

Memory Verse: Mark 4:20

Biblical Truth: The condition of a person's heart determines his or her response to the gospel.

Context: Jesus often taught using parables about familiar things. This may have been one reason people enjoyed listening to Him. This lesson is the first in a series of three about parables Jesus taught beside the Sea of Galilee. Jesus used the Parable of the Sower to explain the different responses people make to God's Word.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand the parallels between types of soil and types of responses to Christ.
- Students will begin to value the condition of their own heart and response to the gospel.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #5

Q | What is sin?

Sin is all in thought, word, and deed that is contrary to the will of God.

01/13

Lesson 23: At Your Service (Greatest in the Kingdom)

Biblical Passage: Mark 9:33–37

Supporting Passages: Matthew 18:1–4; Luke 9:46–50; 22:24–30.

Memory Verse: Mark 9:35

Biblical Truth: A servant lifestyle changes my attitude and actions.

Context: All three synoptic Gospels include an account of the disciples arguing among themselves about which one of them is greatest. All three follow a statement made by Jesus referring to His future betrayal and death. All confirm that the disciples did not realize what God’s view of greatness entails. Yet in each of them, Jesus seized the moment and explained that greatness is seen in humility.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand the characteristics of a servant lifestyle.
- Students will begin to practice a servant lifestyle.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #6

Q | What are the results of sin?

The results of sin are broken relationships, a weakening of ability to obey God, and finally, eternal separation from him.

01/20

Lesson 25: I Gotta Do What? (Jesus, the Lawyer, and the Story of the Good Samaritan)

Biblical Passage: Luke 10:25–37

Memory Verse: Luke 10:27

Biblical Truth: God wants you to treat others with compassion, respect, and concern.

Context: Jesus continued His teachings about how to treat others when He encountered a Jewish leader. The leader attempted to test Jesus’ interpretation of the Law. As a part of His response, Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan to emphasize that people should have compassion and concern for others, regardless of background or ethnicity.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand Jesus’ requirements for the way we treat others.
- Students will apply their understanding of Jesus’ requirements in showing Christ’s love to others.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #4

Q | What does it mean to be a human being?

To be a human being means to be created by God in his likeness, free

and responsible in relation to God, the world, neighbor, and self.

01/27

Lesson 27: Small Beginnings, Huge Results (Parables of the Mustard Seed and Yeast)

Biblical Passage: Luke 13:18–21

Supporting Passage: Matthew 13:31–35

Memory Verse: Matthew 13:31–32

Biblical Truth: God’s Kingdom, from small beginnings, grows at an incredible rate and to an extraordinary size.

Context: Jesus continued to move among the people, teaching as He went. On one occasion, a woman approached Jesus and begged Him to heal her. In response to the criticism of His actions by the synagogue ruler, Jesus replied using two parables, one of a mustard seed and one of yeast, to describe the exponential growth of God’s Kingdom.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand the ways God’s Kingdom grows.
- Students will begin to value their role in growing God’s Kingdom.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #13

Q | What is the kingdom of God?

The kingdom of God is the rule of God breaking into history through Jesus Christ, working in the world and expressed in the hearts and lives of God’s people.

02/03

Lesson 29: You’re Invited, But Dress Appropriately (The Parable of the Wedding Banquet)

Biblical Passage: Matthew 22:1–14

Memory Verse: Matthew 22:9

Biblical Truth: God invites all people, regardless of background, to join His Kingdom according to His conditions.

Context: In Matthew 22, Jesus spoke with the religious leaders. These religious leaders were probably the chief priests and Pharisees. Following His teaching condemning the religious leaders’ attitudes and actions in Matthew 21:28–46, Jesus told a parable comparing the Kingdom of Heaven to a wedding feast.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand the conditions for entering God’s Kingdom.
- Students will apply their understanding of God’s Kingdom by sharing with others how they can enter into a relationship with God.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #14

Q | What did Jesus teach us concerning life in the kingdom of God?

Jesus taught us that life in the kingdom of God means we are to live in a loving relationship with God and others.

02/10

Lesson 36: Get Ready (Signs of the End Times)

Biblical Passage: Matthew 24:3–14,30–31,36–44

Supporting Passages: Matthew 24:1–51; Mark 13:1–37; Luke 21:5–36

Memory Verse: Matthew 24:42

Biblical Truth: Jesus emphasized events related to the end times so we can be ready for His return and not be caught off guard.

Context: As Jesus and His disciples left the Temple on another occasion, He predicted the destruction of the Temple and other signs of the end times. However, He cautioned them about trying to guess an exact time, instructing them instead to be ready at all times for His return.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand the events surrounding the Second Coming.
- Students will apply their understanding of Christ's Second Coming by identifying ways they can be productive for God's Kingdom until Christ returns.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #19

Q | What is the Christian hope?

The Christian hope is the confident expectation of Christ's triumphant return when he will reign forever with his church.

02/17

Lesson 37: Born to Die (Jesus' Last Hours with His Disciples)

Biblical Passage: Luke 22:14–22

Background Passages: Matthew 26:26–30; Mark 14:22–26; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

Memory Verse: Matthew 26:28

Biblical Truth: Jesus' suffering and death accomplished God's plan of bringing forgiveness of sin.

Context: On the night before His death, Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper to give the disciples a symbolic but concrete way to remember the purpose of His earthly ministry: to die for the sins of humanity. While praying in Gethsemane shortly afterward, Jesus asked that God would take away the suffering He was about to experience, yet He yielded Himself to God's will.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand the significance of the elements of the Lord's Supper.
- Students will begin to value what Jesus did for us and for all humanity.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #15

Q | What is the sacrament of the Lord's Supper?

The Lord's Supper is the sacred use of the bread and the cup as commanded by Jesus Christ. At the Lord's Table, believers recognize his presence, remember his suffering, proclaim his death until he comes, and partake of him in faith.

Foothold #25

Q | What is a sacrament?

A sacrament is a visible and outward sign of an invisible and spiritual grace. The sacraments commanded by Jesus Christ are baptism and the Lord's Supper.

02/24

Lesson 39: Undivided Attention (The Holy Spirit)

Biblical Passage: John 14:15–18,25-27; 15:26–27; 16:7–14

Supporting Passages: John 14:1–31; 15:18–27; 16:1–15

Memory Verse: John 14:26

Biblical Truth: The Holy Spirit, who lives in believers, is a counselor, comforter, and teacher who also brings conviction to those in the world.

Context: Looking toward the end of His earthly life, Jesus comforted His disciples. In preparing His disciples for their ministry without Him, Jesus explained that the Father would send the Holy Spirit, who would always be with them to guide them in leading others to glorify God.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand what the Holy Spirit does.
- Students will begin to value being used by the Holy Spirit in continuing the work of Christ.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #20

Q | Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is God, everywhere present and powerful, working in us, in the church, and in the world.

03/03

Lesson 40: Ya Gotta Show (The Vine and the Branches)

Biblical Passage: John 15:1–8

Supporting Passage: John 15:1–27

Memory Verse: John 15:5

Biblical Truth: Remaining connected to Jesus through fellowship with Him, surrender to His will, and obedience to His Word will enable others to see your commitment to Christ.

Context: During His last meal with His disciples before His death, Jesus compared Himself to a vine and His followers to branches, who, if they remain connected to Him, will produce much fruit and give evidence of their relationship to Him.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand specific changes in their lives brought about by Christ.
- Students will begin to value the pruning process in parts of their lives.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #26

Q | How do we grow as Christians?

We grow as Christians as we devote ourselves to the spiritual disciplines of corporate worship, participation in the sacraments, prayer, Bible study, service, stewardship, and Christian fellowship.

03/10

Lesson 42: Jesus Loves Me, This I Know (The Crucifixion, Part 1)

Biblical Passage: John 19:1–37

Supporting Passages: Matt. 27:27–66; Mark 15:16–47; Luke 23:26–56; John 19:38–42

Memory Verse: John 15:13

Biblical Truth: Jesus freely gave up His life as a sacrifice for our sin.

Context: After Judas' betrayal, Jesus was arrested, beaten, and mocked before being sentenced to death. Though Pilate, the Roman governor, saw no reason to execute Jesus, he gave in to the Jewish leaders and the crowds who wanted Jesus crucified. Jesus was crucified with two criminals and died after suffering on the cross.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand that believing in Jesus' sacrificial death as payment for sin is enough for salvation.
- Students will apply their understanding of Jesus' death by practicing their belief in Jesus through public witness.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #17

Q | What was accomplished by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ?

By the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God conquered sin, death, and the devil, offering forgiveness for sin and assuring eternal life for those who follow Christ.

03/17

Lesson 43: Surprise Followers (The Crucifixion, Part 2)

Biblical Passage: Luke 23:39–56

Supporting Passages: Matt. 15:39; Luke 23:33–56; John 19:38–42 **Memory Verse:** John 1:12

Biblical Truth: Jesus will forgive anyone who believes in His sacrificial death.

Context: After His trial, Jesus was taken outside the city and crucified between two criminals. One mocked and insulted Him. The other rebuked the first and trusted Christ. A Roman centurion proclaimed Jesus as the Son of God after witnessing the crucifixion. After His death, Jesus' body was cared for and buried by two members of the Sanhedrin: Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand that believing in Jesus' sacrificial death as payment for sin is enough for salvation.
- Students will apply their understanding of Jesus' death by practicing their belief in Jesus through public witness.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #18

Q | What is meant by atonement?

Atonement means the work of God in Jesus Christ by which we, being guilty, are justified; being enslaved to sin, are redeemed; being alienated from God, are reconciled; and being unholy, are sanctified.

03/24

Lesson 44: Ya Gotta Believe (The Resurrection)

Biblical Passage: John 20:1–18

Supporting Passages: Matthew 28:1–10; Mark 16:1–8; Luke 24:1–12

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:3–4

Biblical Truth: Jesus' resurrection is a challenge for us to believe and follow Him.

Context: Two days after Jesus' burial by Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and found it empty. Thinking Jesus' body had been taken, she informed Peter and John, both of whom returned with her to the tomb. Upon seeing the burial cloth, John believed Jesus had risen. Afterward, Jesus revealed Himself to Mary, who had stayed behind. Mary later shared the encounter with the disciples.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand the meaning Christ's resurrection has for their lives.
- Students will practice the skill of telling another person how Christ's resurrection has impacted them.
- **Covenant Catechism:**

Foothold #17

Q | What was accomplished by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ?

By the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God conquered sin, death, and the devil, offering forgiveness for sin and assuring eternal life for those who follow Christ.

03/31 No Lesson (Easter)

04/07

Lesson 45: Better Than New (Jesus Reinstates Peter)

Biblical Passage: John 21:15–21

Supporting Passages: Matthew 26:31–35, 69–75

Memory Verse: James 4:10

Biblical Truth: When we make mistakes, we are to look to Christ for restoration.

Context: Prior to Jesus' arrest and crucifixion, He predicted that Peter would deny Him three times. Although Peter insisted he would die with Christ rather than deny Him, Peter denied Him just as Jesus had foretold. After Jesus' resurrection, He appeared to His disciples. Then in John 21 He again appeared to seven disciples at the Sea of Tiberias.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand that Christ can still use them despite their failures.
- Students will apply their understanding by seeking Christ's restoration when they have failed Him.

Covenant Catechism:
None

04/14

Lesson 46: Ya Gotta Tell (The Great Commission)

Biblical Passage: Matthew 28:17–20

Supporting Passages: Matthew 28:16–20; Mark 16:15–16; Luke 24:46–49

Memory Verses: Matthew 28:18–20

Biblical Truth: Jesus Christ has commissioned you to share His message with all people so that all people have the opportunity to become His followers.

Context: Immediately before His ascension, Jesus gave His final instructions to His disciples for making new disciples throughout the world.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand that Jesus has authority over their lives.
- Students will apply their understanding by committing to join with Jesus Christ in making disciples of all nations.

Covenant Catechism:
None

04/21

Lesson 47: Discovering God's Agenda (The Ascension)

Biblical Passage: Acts 1:4–11

Supporting Passage: Acts 1:1–12

Memory Verse: Acts 1:8

Biblical Truth: God will empower you to share His Good News with others both locally and globally.

Context: Before His ascension, Jesus spoke about the Kingdom of God to His disciples, promising they would receive the Holy Spirit's power that would enable them to be His witnesses throughout the world.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand that God equips every believer to carry out His purposes in the world.
- Students will apply their understanding by identifying ways they can be witnesses to others both locally and around the world.

Covenant Catechism:
Foothold #22

Q | What is the source of the Church's life?

The life of the church has its source in God: Father, son, and Holy Spirit. It is created and renewed by the Spirit and Word, the holy sacraments and prayer.

04/28 No Lesson (Confirmation Sunday)

05/05

Lesson 48: Coming Again (Christ's Return)

Biblical Passage: Revelation 22:12–17

Supporting Passage: Revelation 21:1–22:21

Memory Verse: Matthew 24:42

Biblical Truth: Jesus' followers live with the hope that Jesus is coming again and that they will live with Him in eternity.

Context: When Jesus ascended into heaven, He did not leave His disciples without a sense of hope and purpose. They were to be His witnesses throughout the world, spreading the Good News of His salvation until the day of His return. When that day comes, Jesus will return with the climax of His salvation—the reward of an eternity spent in the presence of God.

Learning Goals:

- Students will understand the hope that they have in Christ's coming and the eternal life that follows.
- Students will begin to value their hope in Christ's coming by responding to His invitation.

Covenant Catechism:

Foothold #19

Q | What is the Christian hope?

The Christian hope is the confident expectation of Christ's triumphant return when he will reign forever with his church.

05/12