

2021 MID-ATLANTIC

Virtual Leaders

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL BEYOND SUNDAY REV. DR. ADRIAN V. NELSON, II, PRESENTER

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Presentation Overview

This session will:

Explore new paradigms for Sunday Church School.
 Examine ways Church School material can be used beyond Sunday.

Session Overview

Part 1: "Hot off the Presses: Beginners and Primary Approaches and Materials" Part 2: "Hot off the Presses: Juniors and Intermediate Senior Approaches and Materials" Part 3: "Hot off the Presses: Young People and Adult Approaches and Materials"

Sunday Church School: Alive, Dying or Dead?

- Does your church have an alive, dying or dead Sunday Church School in the midst of the pandemic?
- On average how may children, youth, young adults, and adults attend Sunday Church School? Is your Sunday Church School growing?

EXTRA, EXTRA, **READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!** Sunday Church School: Alive, Dying or Dead?

During the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic:

- Have you used a virtual platform for Sunday Church School?
- Have you seen greater participation in Sunday Church School during the pandemic? What are your post-pandemic Church School plans?

Church School: Its Mission

The Church's mission is to "GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES." (Matthew 28:19)

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Is your Church School going and making disciples?

<u>Church School: Its Ministry Goals</u>
 <u>MINISTRY GOAL #1 – WIN PEOPLE TO CHRIST</u>
 Church School is ineffective when it is inward focused and only serves the churched.
 "Unless a Church School sets a goal of winning people to Christ … the doldrums will set in." (Haystead, p. 15)

Church School: Its Ministry Goals MINISTRY GOAL #1 – WIN PEOPLE TO CHRIST

IN THE CHAT:

PLACE THE NAME OF YOUR CHURCH IF IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS ANYONE HAS GIVEN THEIR LIFE TO CHRIST DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL OR BECAUSE OF SUNDAY SCHOOL.

<u>Sunday School: Its Ministry Goals</u> <u>MINISTRY GOAL #2 – TEACH GOD'S WORD</u> Help people to understand and apply the truths of God's word. Deal with real life issues in the context of scripture. (p.

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<u>Sunday School: Its Ministry Goals</u> MINISTRY GOAL #2 – TEACH GOD'S WORD In the chat: Write "Yes" or "No" in the chat to this question – do Your Sunday School classes deal with what the bible has to say about real life issues?

<u>Sunday School: Its Ministry Goals</u> MINISTRY GOAL #3 – BUILD SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS "People are drawn to Church school and remain to learn when they are able to establish and deep and meaningful personal relationships." (pp. 17-18)

Sunday School: Its Ministry Goals MINISTRY GOAL #3 – BUILD SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS IN THE CHAT: WRITE "YES" OR "NO" TO THIS QUESTION – DO YOUR SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPANTS TO FELLOWSHIP OUTSIDE OF CLASS MEETINGS?

<u>Sunday School: Its Ministry Goals</u> MINISTRY GOAL #4 – ENCOURAGE CHRISTIAN SERVICE Design Church School in a way that allows participants to engage in active, intentional service to God and others.

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HOT OFF THE PRESSES!!! Beginner and Primary Teaching Strategies

Teaching and Learning Strategies for Beginner and Primary students:

- Set meaningful learning objectives
- Make effective use of time
- Plan valid learning procedures



HOT OFF THE PRESSES!!! Beginners and Primary Materials

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HOT OFF THE PRESSES!!! BEGINNER & PRIMARY CHURCH SCHOOL QUARTERLIES

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CHURCH SCHOOL MATERIAL CAN BE USED IN A VARIETY OF SETTINGS, INCLUDING:

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
 YOUTH CHURCH
 SMALL GROUP STUDIES

DID YOU KNOW?

CHURCH SCHOOL MATERIAL CAN ALSO BE USED FOR : BIBLE STUDY CLASS MEETINGS ANY DAY CHURCH SCHOOL – BEYOND SUNDAY!





ENGAGE | EDUCATE | ELEVATE

THE CHILDREN'S CURRICULUM DESIGN

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL MATERIALS CAN BE USED BEYOND SUNDAY TO ENGAGE, EDUCATE, ELEVATE.

THE CHILDREN'S MATERIALS HAVE THESE THREE MAIN SECTIONS:

- GET EXCITED! A WARM UP ACTIVITY TO INTRODUCE CONCEPTS IN THE SCRIPTURE LESSON
- READ AND LEARN! A SUMMARY OF THE SCRIPTURE, THE MEMORY VERSE AND A STORY THAT LINKS THE SCRIPTURE TO AGE-RELATED SITUATIONS
- RISE UP! REVIEW QUESTIONS, A SUPERHERO CHALLENGE AND A LESSON ACTIVITY TO FACILITATE SPIRITUAL GROWTH

DJF-2021-2022 TEACHER BIFOLDS

UNIT I: GOD REQUIRES JUSTICE

Learn It! God's laws are for our well being. And, leaders of God's people must rely on God's laws as they administer justice. In these lessons, we will meet kind and just leaders including a Queen who admired a wise King who was able to answer all of her difficult questions. These lessons are found in Deuteronomy, 2 Samuel, Isaiah, and 1 Kings, including:

- God's laws are important
- Kindness and hospitality can be acts of justice
- Children can bring hope into the world
- Justice is a leadership responsibility

Teach It! The activities in this unit are designed to help children have a better understanding of justice and how kindness, hope, and wisdom can all produce effective change in the world. Below is a preview of the activities for each lesson.

Date	12/5	12/12	12/19	12/26
Get Excited!				
Teach It	Episode 1: Do What is Right	Episode 2: Promise and Loyalty	Episode 3: Hope For All	Episode 4: Wisdom and Justice
Time to Create				
Justice Topic	Civil Rights	Children w Dis- abilities	Racism	Therapy

Live It! Send a Christmas card to organizations and leaders who are committed to justice and issues that relate to children.

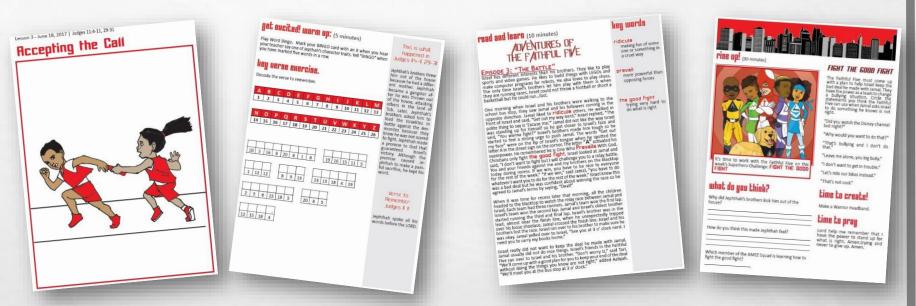


WHAT'S INSIDE! TEACHER BI-FOLD

LEARN IT! – KEY PRINCIPLES IN LESSON SCRIPTURES

- TEACH IT! OVERVIEW OF LESSON ACTIVITIES IN THE UNIT
- LIVE IT! REINFORCEMENT ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN TO DO AT HOME WITH THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

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 Beginners – Biblical cover page; inside coloring page; warm-up activity with scripture summary and lesson story featuring Faithful Five; review questions with superhero challenge and creative activity

Lesson Format.

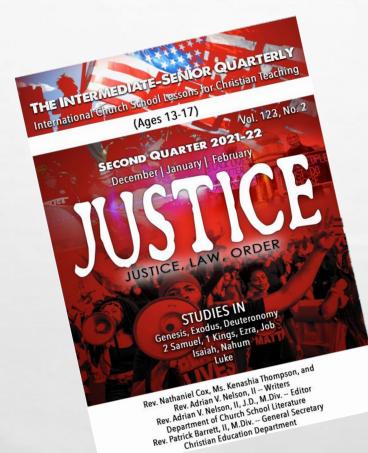
Primaries – Contemporary cover page; warm-up activity with scripture summary and key verse exercise; lesson story featuring Faithful Five; review questions with superhero challenge and creative activity

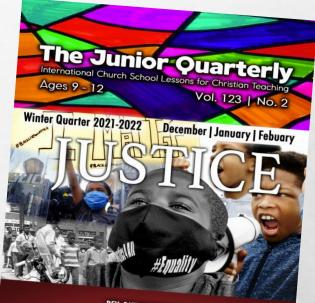
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HOT OFF THE PRESSES!!! JUNIOR AND YOUTH CHURCH SCHOOL MATERIALS





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HOT OFF THE PRESSES!!! Beyond Sunday Junior Church School Approaches Arts and Crafts Games/Puzzles Research (Bible dictionary, atlas, concordance) Service Projects Drama Music/Videos/Media

HOT OFF THE PRESSES!!! Beyond Sunday Youth Church School Approaches

Art
 Games
 Research (Bible dictionary, atlas, concordance)
 Service Projects
 Q&A Sessions/Discussions
 Drama/Music/Videos/Media

HOT OFF THE PRESSES!!! Beyond Sunday Youth Media Usage

Youth Ministry 1.0	Youth Ministry 2.0
Limited use of the internet	Frequent use of Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube
One person talks and everyone listens	Use of multi-source instruction
Teacher/Leader/Pastor centered lessons/studies	Teacher/Leader/Pastor directed lessons/studies using blogs, podcasts, etc.
Use of only denomination/publisher materials	Use of student media/video created materials
One-time events	Online continuing events.

HOT OFF THE PRESSES!!! Junior and Youth Church School Materials

JUNIOR AND YOUTH CHURCH SCHOOL MATERIALS CAN BE USED BEYOND SUNDAY:

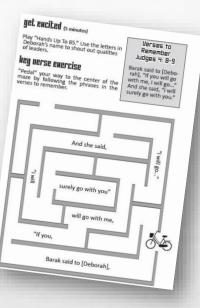
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BY FORMAT!
BY LOOK!



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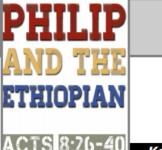
What's Inside! **Lesson Format** (8.5x11 Booklet)

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Juniors - Contemporary photo; warm-up activity with key verse exercise; bible story featuring Zion and Zaya; review questions with superhero challenge and creative activity

HOT OFF THE PRESSES!!! YOUTH FORMAT!

KEEPIN' IT CURRENT! KEEPIN' IT REAL! KEEPIN' IT BIBLICAL! KEEPIN' IT TOGETHER! ITHINK!



CRACKING THE CULTURE CODE

Lesson 11- August 13, 2017 Background Scripture: Acts 8 Scripture: Acts 8:26-39

Keepin' It Current! (5 Minutes)

For those who were not at least teenagers by 1981, you may not be familiar with the 80s group Culture Club, which featured make-up wearing, flamboyant Boy George. The group named itself Culture Club because it was comprised of four people from diverse backgrounds – an Irish gay man (Boy George) as the lead singer, a black from Britain on bass, an Anglo-Saxon on guitar and keyboards, and a Jewish drummer.

Just as Culture Club broke down cultural barriers, we are called to break down cultural barriers that prevent us from sharing God's word. There are many differences between those in the church and those the church is hoping to reach with the Gospel, including race, citizenship, socio-economic status, and sexual orientation. As members of Generation Z (1996-2010), God may be calling you to break down barriers that will allow the church to crack the culture code and become the "culture club" of believers that God would have the church to be.

Keepin' It Real! (5 Minutes)

Q: Are there barriers in your church that make persons of certain cultures (based upon race, sexual orientation, age, socio-economic status, educational level, etc.) feel unwelcome in the church? If so, what are they?

HOT OFF THE PRESSES!!! BEYOND SUNDAY JUNIOR AND YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

HOW WOULD YOU USE MEDIA TO ADAPT A SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON BASED UPON ACTS 20:7-12? ✓ YOUTH CHURCH ✓ A YOUTH CLASS MEETING ✓ VBS ✓ ANY DAY CHURCH SCHOOL

HOT OFF THE PRESSES!!! Young Adult and Adult Church School Materials

Young Adult and Adult Church School Materials Are Designed to:

 Engage – Fellowship and Introduce Topic
 Educate – Bible Study
 Elevated – Application and/or Decision Activity

HOT OFF THE PRESSES!!! Young Adult and Adult Discipleship Approaches

Consider the following Young Adult and Adult approaches:

- ✓ Pre-Bible Study Assignments
- **Discussion/Question and Answer**
- **Traditional Lecture**
- Service Projects
- ✓ Art/Drama/Music
- Videos/Media (Podcasts, YouTube Channel, Blog)

UNIT I: CALLED TO BE STRONG

June 4, 2017 Lesson 1: WITHOUT A DOUBT Devotional Reading: Hebrews 11:29-40 Background Scripture: Judges 4–5 Scripture: Judges 4:1-10

HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS

I	May 29	Μ.	Judges 2:1-5	Angel Rebukes Israel's Faithlessness
I	May 30	T.	Judges 2:6-10	Joshua's Death Ends an Era
I	May 31	W.	Judges 2:16-23	The People Lose God's Protection
I	June 1	Τ.	Hebrews 11:29-4	0 Ode to Israel's Faithful Judges
I	June 2	E.	Judges 5:1-5	Victory Song of the Divine Warrior
I	June 3	s.	Judges 5:24-27	Jael Defeats the Enemy Leader, Sisera
I	June 4	s.	Judges 4:1-10	Deborah, Prophetess, Judge and Commander

EXALT!

Invocation – Teacher or learner

Celebration – "Never Alone" -#310 African-American Hymnal

Declaration – Judges 4:1-10

(Read together by the class, by a volunteer or responsively.)

¹The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. ²So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. ³Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

⁴ At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵ She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. ⁶ She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷ I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand." ⁸ Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go." ⁹ And she said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. ¹⁰Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

Affirmation – I can rely on God to always keep promises! (Spoken together by class and teacher)

Unit I Introduction: The theme for this quarter reminds us that God continues to speak to us through God's written Word. God calls ordinary people from diverse backgrounds to make a difference. From the days of the judges, to the prophets, to the early church leaders, God called and the faithful answered. Unit I, "Called to Be Strong," introduces the era of the judges. The Book of Judges continues the history of Israel after Joshua's death. God raised up a series of national leaders called judges. Empowered by God, judges delivered the people from their enemies; however, they also faced uncertainty and doubt. How do leaders deal with their doubts? Do they refuse to accept the awesome responsibilities or step out in faith to do the required tasks? Different persons respond in different ways. Let us take a look at a few of Israel's judges to see how they dealt with uncertainty and doubt to answer God's call.

ENGAGE: (5-10 min.)

Answer the following questions using one sticky note for each:

- What Kingdom task would you undertake if you were guaranteed not to fail?
- What non-Kingdom task would you undertake if you were guaranteed not to fail?
- Partner up, and briefly discuss why you chose these tasks, (1 min each).

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- Afterward, put all the #1's on one wall or easel pad, and all the #2's on the other, (1 min).
- As a class, determine the common themes or similarities among the responses and group the sticky notes accordingly.
- Discuss your observations, and if time permits, find out what are some of the holdbacks.

EDUCATE: (10-15 min.)

Judges 4:1-10 - The history of Israel included a period of governance by judges for several hundred years before becoming a nation ruled by kings. These were very turbulent years in that region, and the children of Israel were often poor representations of their status as God's chosen people before other nations. The phrase, "The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord," (4:1) appears seven times throughout the Book of Judges, followed by a pattern of repetition. This also seen also in today's lesson – in which apostasy (4:1) leads to oppression (4:2), which provokes repentance (4:3), and results in God sending deliverance, (4:4-10). This time, God's judgment allows Israel to suffer for their disobedience by the hands the Canaanite king, Jabin, and his evil general, Sisera, who inflict a twenty-year tyrannical reign before Israel finally cries out to the Lord for help.

The influence and leadership capabilities of women are purposefully peppered throughout the narrative of Judges. Unique among them all is Deborah, the only female judge mentioned in the Bible. "Shophet" is the Hebrew term for the title "judge," a position that traditionally carried with it a broad range of responsibilities, including ruler, civil administrator, and military leader. Her husband was Lappidoth, and she held court under the Palm of Deborah. She is also the first prophet mentioned since the death of Moses, and one of only three prophetesses named in the Old Testament. Deborah is clearly a godly woman of great power and influence, and she is highly respected. She sends for Barak in Kadesh, who travels seventy miles to receive her instruction. He is informed that God has called him to lead ten thousand men into battle against Sisera and the mighty chariots of the Canaanite army, and that God has guaranteed his success. Unbelievably, Barak tells Deborah that he will only go if she goes with him; otherwise, he will not go. His less than heroic response unveils layers of doubt and fear that threaten to hinder an obedient acceptance of God's call. It does not seem to faze him in the least when Deborah prophesies that, if she accompanies him to battle, then the honor of victory will not go to him, but to a woman. Perhaps the idea of being attended by one in whom he sensed the presence of God gave Barak the confidence needed to accept the assignment. At any rate, Deborah provides him with the military strategy and encouragement, as needed. With the help of God, Barak and his troop defeat their enemy. Sisera fled for his life, but was killed by the hands of a woman named Jael, just as Deborah had prophesied.

One of the key points of this account is that doubt is not a deal breaker when it comes to the calling of God. None of us begins our journey of obedience to God with the degree of faith that we will end up with. So, whatever we lack on the front end to accept or fulfill that divine call, Jehovah Jireh provides, systematically eliminating all our excuses. Moses was consumed with doubt and fear at the burning bush when God called him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. He told God, among other things, that he had a speech impediment. God allowed Aaron to be his spokesperson. When Thomas doubted what his fellow disciples were telling him about the resurrection, Jesus showed up, hands extended, inviting him to put all doubts to rest. In Barak's case, God addressed his doubt through Deborah's wisdom and willingness to encourage and support him, which gave him the confidence to say yes to the call of God on his life. These are but a few biblical examples that confirm that if the Lord has called us, then we will be strengthened to accept and equipped to carry out that assignment.

ELEVATE: (5-10 min.)

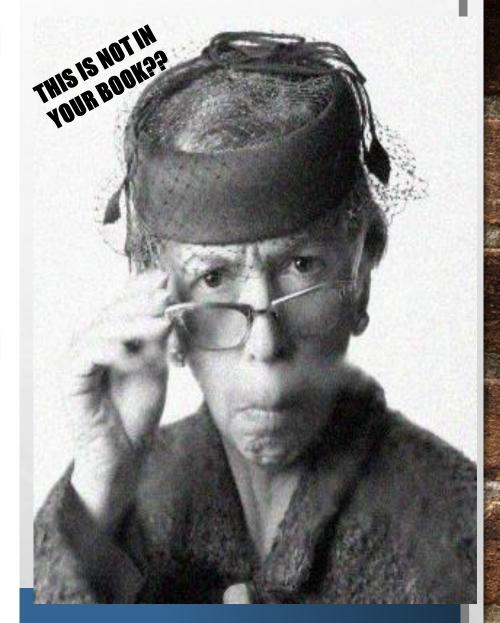
When have you had a "Deborah" in your life – one who came alongside you to assist during a time when you felt insecure, indecisive, or doubtful about taking on or in the midst of an assignment? That person could have been male or female, and the scenario could have been school, work, church, military service, or where you volunteer. You may need to journey back to your childhood, college years, early adulthood, or as recent as last week to recall the particulars of the event(s).

As you take that trip down memory lane, write down as much of the details of the experience as you can recall. Then take a moment to meditate on the wonderful grace of God that provided you with someone like that during a challenging time. If you feel led to do so, contact that person and express your gratitude for being a blessing to you.

iTHINK: (5-7 min.)

- Explore how Judges describes Deborah's role in early Israel. What does it mean to be a "judge"? a "prophet"? a military strategist? Lead participants to discuss the significance of a woman performing these functions.
- Discuss Barak's uncertainty and doubt. What can Deborah's response to Barak's uncertainty teach us about our own moments of doubt and hesitation? How can believers experience Deborah's level of confidence?
- Reflect on the wisdom you have to share with others because of their life experiences. Challenge yourself to seek opportunities to impart wisdom, encouragement, and support to your brothers and sisters in Christ.

VERSE OF THE WEEK: "And [Deborah] said, 'I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will self sisera into the hand of a woman." Judges 4:9a



Why do we need to change?

HOT OFF THE PRESSES!!! Beyond Sunday Church School Models

Weekday/Saturday meeting date
 Children and Youth (Youth teaching children)
 Youth and Young Adults (YAs teaching youth)
 Intergenerational Groups
 Seekers /Foreign Language Speakers Classes
 Electives

HOT OFF THE PRESSES!!! Beyond Sunday Alternative Church School Models

- Using Acts 8:26-40, Outline a Lesson for One of the Church School Alternative Models, including:
 - Children and Youth (Youth teaching children)
 Youth and Young Adults (YAs teaching youth)
 Internentional Groups
 - Intergenerational Groups
 - ✓ Seekers
 - **Electives**

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