



**Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for May 30, 2010  
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**"Hold On to Truth"**

**Lesson Text: Jude 3-7, 19-21, 24,25**

**Background Scripture: Jude**

**Devotional Reading: 1 Timothy 6:3-10**

**Jude 3-8, 19-21, 24,25**

3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

5 I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

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19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

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24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

## **TEACHER'S NOTES**

From the days of the apostles until our time, it has always been important for Christians to hold on to the truth of God revealed in the Scriptures. Even when Jude wrote his short epistle, false teachers had already crept into the assembly of believers. These false teachers were in reality unregenerate men speaking smooth, deceiving words. They were men who did not have the Spirit of God living in them.

In his epistle Jude exhorted believers that it was their responsibility to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (1:3), but he also encouraged them that they were not alone in this struggle for purity of doctrine. God Himself was with them and would keep them from falling so as to present them faultless at His throne (v. 24).

We are to be alert, then, testing all the teaching we hear by the standard of God's Word and depending on Him to keep us in the truth that is consistent with His Word.

## **THE OBJECT IN VIEW:**

Teach that we should not believe preaching or teaching that is different from what God's Word says.

## **TRUTHS TO STRESS:**

1. There have always been false teachers, even in the church.
2. We should compare any teaching with what God's Word says.
3. God will help us stand against false teaching.

## **PLANNING VISUAL AIDS**

For Telling the Lesson and Telling How to Live, draw a large, open Bible on heavy paper, and cut it out. Draw and cut out a large question mark and the words "Yes" and "No" several times. Have a wastebasket handy.

For Helping to Remember, bring paper, safety scissors (blunt tip), and markers for the students.

For the lesson activity, make a copy of the Word Search for each student.

## **BEGINNING THE LESSON**

Some of the children in Mark's neighborhood had started going to the meetings of a new church nearby. One of his friends invited him to attend. Mark's mother said she wanted to go with him to hear what was being taught at this new place before he went with his friends.

Mark and his mother went to visit the new church. A man stood up and stared into the crowd. He stared for a long time. "I am the Messiah," he finally said. "I have come to save the planet earth."

Mark's mother turned to him and whispered, "We need to get out of here." They left quickly.

Afterward, Mark said to his mother, "I should not go back there, should I?"

"No," his mother said. "That man is not Jesus. Do you know how I know that?"

Mark thought for a moment. "Well, I know Jesus is going to come again," he said. "The Bible tells us that, but I think it says that when He comes, every eye will see Him."

"You are correct," Mark's mother agreed. "That man is a false teacher. He is not teaching what the Bible says."

"I do not ever want to go back." Mark shuddered. "I am going to invite my friends to come to church with me instead."

From the earliest days of the church, there have always been some who taught things about God that were not true.

## **TELLING THE LESSON**

Jude wrote that we should hold on tightly to the faith that God gave to His people, the faith we learn about in His Word, the Bible.

Jude was writing just a short time after Jesus went back to heaven, but already some false teachers had crept in. They were in the church, but they were not true men of God. They were not teaching the truth about God or about Jesus, His Son.

Jude reminded the believers that while God saved His people from Egypt, He destroyed those who did not believe. He punished even angels who turned away from Him. He punished whole cities that were wicked. Surely God would punish these false teachers too.

These teachers did not have the Spirit of God living in them. They were not really God's people.

Jude told the believers that they should build themselves up by listening to God's Word. God's Word is the judge of what is right and wrong. (Show the picture of the open Bible, putting it on a table in front of the children.) When we hear any teaching, we should always ask, "Is this what God's Word teaches?" (Show the question mark.) Then we should think about what we have learned from God's Word. Does the new teaching agree with what we already know that God's Word says?

If it does, we can believe that teaching. (Let a child place the word "Yes" on top of the Bible.) If it does not, we must not believe it. (Let a child take the word "No" and throw it into the wastebasket.)

As we compare everything we hear with God's Word, God will help us. He will keep us from believing false teaching. One day we will stand before His throne because He has kept us. What a wonderful, joyful day that will be!

## **TELLING HOW TO LIVE**

Use the open Bible, the question mark, and the words "Yes" and "No" to play a game. Give several teachings, and let the children decide whether it is a "Yes" or a "No" according to God's Word.

## **HELPING TO REMEMBER**

Give the children paper, markers, and safety scissors (blunt tip), and let them make their own game set.

## **EXPLAINING THE GOLDEN TEXT**

**"Ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 1:3).**

God gave His people His Word, the Bible. He wants us to hold on to that. He wants us to be very careful to compare every new teaching with what He has given us in His Word.

## **ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON:**

Next week's lesson is **"Be Examples to Others."** Study 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10.

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## WORD SEARCH

### "Hold On to Truth" Jude 3-7, 19-21, 24,25

I D J W Y M B Y Q H S F W A E  
F O R O N A U L L J T I Q C C  
S G P E H J I W E D S I A E E  
S A P Q D E L E P E O R A G G  
U P L W T S D Z T Z G G N F N  
S P O V C T I H Q E L A N M I  
E D H G A Y N A Y J R S Y U Y  
J K U M C T G U U T A N G K N  
T S I R H C I D S I E S A D E  
P R A Y I N G O N R Y V T L D  
M E R C Y M H T N G T G O S C  
K K Z D E B S I U D L Y I L Z  
G U J N O Y R E X T I O E E V  
Q T T D N E T N O C F X R H J  
E R I F L L B F S N E S Z Y N

BUILDING  
DENYING  
FIRE  
GRACE  
LIFE  
MERCY  
SALVATION  
WISE

CHRIST  
ETERNAL  
GLORY  
JESUS  
LOVE  
PRAYING  
STRANGE

CONTEND  
FAITH  
GOD  
JUDGMENT  
MAJESTY  
SAINTS  
UNGODLY

*22 words were placed into the puzzle.*

## WORD SEARCH SOLUTION

### "Hold On to Truth" Jude 3-7, 19-21, 24,25

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+ D + + + M B Y + H + + W + E
+ O + + + A U + L + T I + C +
S G + + + J I + + D S I A + E
S A + + + E L E + E O R A G G
U + L + + S D + T + G G N F N
S + + V + T I + + E + A N + I
E + + + A Y N + + J R S + U Y
J + + + + T G + U T A N + + N
T S I R H C I D S I E + A + E
P R A Y I N G O N + + V + L D
M E R C Y M + T N G + + O + +
+ + + + E + S + + + L + + L +
+ + + N + + + + + + I O + + +
+ + T D N E T N O C F + R + +
E R I F + + + + + + E + + Y +
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(Over, Down, Direction)

BUILDING (7, 1, S)  
CHRIST (6, 9, W)  
CONTEND (10, 14, W)  
DENYING (15, 10, N)  
ETERNAL (8, 4, SE)  
FAITH (14, 5, NW)  
FIRE (4, 15, W)  
GLORY (10, 11, SE)  
GOD (2, 3, N)  
GRACE (11, 5, NE)  
JESUS (1, 8, N)  
JUDGMENT (10, 7, SW)  
LIFE (11, 12, S)  
LOVE (14, 12, NW)  
MAJESTY (6, 1, S)  
MERCY (1, 11, E)  
PRAYING (1, 10, E)  
SAINTS (12, 7, SW)  
SALVATION (1, 3, SE)  
STRANGE (9, 9, NE)  
UNGODLY (14, 7, NW)  
WISE (13, 1, SW)

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