



**Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for November 1, 2009
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"A Holy People"

Lesson Text: 1 Peter 1:13-25

Background Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-25

Memory Verse: "Be ye holy in all manner of conversation (behavior)" (1 Peter 1:15).

1 Peter 1:13-25

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

God has given us salvation and hope for the future; we should be holy as a way of honoring Him.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. God sent Jesus to bring us salvation.

2. We should be ready to meet Jesus when He returns to earth.
3. We should thank God by living for Him.

PLANNING LESSON AIDS:

For Helping to Remember, bring for each student a paper plate and construction paper on which you have traced three or more 2-inch circles. Also bring safety scissors (blunt tip) and pencils or markers.

For the lesson activity, make a copy of the Word Search for each student. Keywords from the lesson will be reviewed as they complete the activity.

TEACHER'S NOTES:

Time: A.D. 63

Place: from "Babylon" (most likely Rome)

The Apostle Peter wrote that in His mercy, God has given us eternal life; therefore, we should roll up our sleeves and get busy for Him. Our pattern of living should involve self-control rather than self-indulgence, especially since we want the Lord to find us faithful when He returns.

Before trusting in Jesus, we lived for ourselves because we did not know God. Now that we are children of God, we are to be holy in all we do, just as God is holy.

God saved us from our meaningless way of life by paying for our sins with the precious blood of Jesus. He planned it all before the Creation, and now God has raised Jesus and restored Him to glory and honor in heaven (cf. Eph. 1:20-23) to give us unshakable hope. Now that we have believed the truth, we must have genuine love for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We have been born again by believing God's Word, which lasts forever. You can count on it!

BEGINNING THE LESSON:

"The Bible says that I should be holy as God is holy," Danette said to her mother one day. "Does that mean that I have to always do good things and never be bad?"

"Well, it starts with wanting to make God happy, but then you have to work at it. When you feel like being selfish, remember that God does good deeds and gives generously."

Danette asked, "What happens when I fail?"

Her mother answered, "Remember that God has saved us, and we are saying thanks when we do good. We are not trying to get to heaven by being good."

Danette thought about that. "It will be easier if I remember what Jesus has already done for me."

"Just love God, and love others."

Danette answered, "Will I keep getting better at it?"

"Right again!" Mom answered.

TELLING THE LESSON:

Peter was a disciple, or follower, of Jesus. After Jesus arose from death and went back to heaven, Peter began telling people to trust Jesus to forgive their sins.

Peter wrote a letter that is now part of the Bible. In it, he encouraged us to be faithful to God, who has given us life that lasts forever. Peter reminded us that we are looking forward to seeing Jesus. When He returns to earth, we want Him to find us living for Him.

Before we trusted in Jesus, we did everything to please ourselves. After becoming children of God, we should do everything to please God because we love

Him. God Himself said, "Be holy, for I am holy." This means we should seek to do what is right all the time instead of doing what is wrong.

We can pretend to be good, but God knows what we are on the inside. Do not think you can sin now and make up for it later. Our lives are not long enough to show God how much we love Him.

We believers used to behave badly, but God saved us from that useless way of life. He loved us so much that He let His Son, Jesus, pay for our sins by dying in our place. God planned to do this for us before He made the world.

After Jesus died for us, God raised Him up and gave Him glory so that we can look forward to being in heaven with Him.

Now that we have accepted the truth, other believers are like brothers and sisters. We can show our love for God by loving them deeply with all our hearts.

We have been born again. This new life will last forever because it came to us by believing the word of God, which last forever. It did not come from something that does not last. We can be sure of it because God said it.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE:

As we wait for Jesus to come back, we should be doing good deeds and staying away from wrong actions. We should show love for God by sincerely loving others. We can do good deeds because making people smile also makes God smile.

Showing the love of God usually costs us something. We really have to be unselfish in order to give away something that we want to keep. Remember that God is always giving things to everybody.

It is hard to say something nice when we feel like being mean or to be patient when we are waiting for someone. God respects people and is always patient.

God will reward His children when they do good. However, it is better to do those things because we want to be like Jesus.

HELPING TO REMEMBER:

Have the children color their paper plates to look like offering plates. They can cut out paper circles and on both sides write coin values like "5¢" and words that show how we can be holy: "love," "be kind," "say good words," "do good deeds," "honor God," "respect others," "be patient," "be helpful," and "smile."

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE:

"Be ye holy in all manner of conversation (behavior)" (I Peter 1:15).

Being holy in all that we do means we are to separate ourselves from evil and dedicate ourselves to doing good. Try to be like God.

We should desire to honor God, to make people think what a good God He is. Gradually we will develop habits and attitudes that make it easier. Happily, God forgives us when we humbly admit our failures.

CONCLUSION:

As Christians, we must live by God's standard. That is living a holy life. The world will disagree with that; they will make fun and make us outcasts. But God is honored when we live as He commands.

We have many options in our lives, but we do not have an option about holiness. We are commanded by God to be holy. God's people are a holy people! It is a great privilege to be a child of God, and we should not live as though we belong to the world!

PRAYER:

Dear God, we thank You for giving us salvation and hope for the future. Help us to honor You, to be like You, and to be holy, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON:

Next week's lesson is "A Chosen People" and explains how believers are special people, chosen by God. Study 1 Peter 2:1-17.

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WORD SEARCH

"A Holy People" (1 Peter 1:13-25)

Find each of the following words.

PRECIOUS

FOREVER

GOSPEL

WITHERS

SILVER

LOVE

WORD

FAITH

SOBER

GRACE

CONVERSATION

HOLY

BLOOD

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Solution to Word Search
"A Holy People" (1 Peter 1:13-25)

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