



Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for November 22, 2009
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"A Faithful People"

Lesson Text: 2 Peter 1:3-15

Background Scripture: 2 Peter 1:3-15

Memory Verse: "His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue" (2 Peter 1:3)

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3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge;

6 And to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness;

7 And to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.

13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;

14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath showed me.

15 Moreover I will endeavor that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Teach the children that they need to be faithful to Jesus.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. God has given believers everything they need for living a godly life.
2. We must work at being godly people in order to serve well.
3. Faithful believers will be gloriously welcomed into heaven.

PLANNING LESSON AIDS:

For Helping to Remember, bring an empty juice can or small cardboard box for each child, construction paper, safety scissors (blunt tip), glue or tape, and markers.

For the lesson activity, make a copy of the Word Search for each student to review the keywords from the lesson.

TEACHER'S NOTES:

Time: A.D. 64

Place: unknown

In his second letter, Peter wrote that as Christians get to know God better, He gives them everything they need for living a godly life and serving Him. He also has given Christians all the other wonderful blessings that He promised. This is tremendous. It should encourage every Christian to get busy serving God and helping others know Him.

Naturally, it takes hard work to receive and use these blessings. After starting out our Christian life with faith in Jesus, maturing Christians work at being good, getting to know God better, putting God's desires above their own, being patient, and being godly. They develop the habit of being kind to brothers and sisters in Christ and loving them deeply. As this process continues, Christians grow strong spiritually and become increasingly more useful to God. They also get to know Him deeply and closely.

Too many believers are blind to the opportunities before them. They see little reason to serve God or to get to know Him better. They have forgotten that God rescued them from a life of sin.

All believers should work hard at proving that they really are God's chosen people so that they will always live for God and be gloriously welcomed into heaven.

BEGINNING THE LESSON:

Many people think they have to be good to get to heaven. This leads some to work endlessly in hopes of earning salvation. Others simply assume that since they have never murdered anyone or robbed a bank, they are good enough. All God's gifts are freely given, however. Jesus provided salvation by dying in our place.

Our lesson today will tell us that once we have received salvation, we should work hard to show how thankful we are and to do God's work here on earth. You can get to know God so well that the two of you are best friends, or you can forget God and miss out on all the blessings. Knowing God and serving Him are worth the effort.

TELLING THE LESSON:

The Apostle Peter wrote a second letter that is now part of our Bible. He said that as Christians get to know God better, He gives them everything they need for living a godly life and serving Him.

God has also given Christians all the other wonderful blessings that He promised. With these gifts, we can share in being like God. We can also escape from the worldly desires and rottenness around us.

Peter said that we should work hard to be able to receive these things God has promised. He said that we start out our Christian life with faith in Jesus. Then we work at being good, and we learn to know God better.

Next, we learn to stop trying to get what we want and desire what God wants for us. As we do this, we will become patient and godly. We will keep getting better at being kind to our brothers and sisters in Christ and loving them deeply.

The more this process goes on, the more we will grow strong spiritually. We will become useful to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sadly, not every believer goes after these things. Some just do not see the point in serving God. They have forgotten that God rescued them from a life of sin.

Peter begged everyone who trusts in Jesus to work hard at showing that they really are God's chosen people. Then they will never fail to live for God and will never forget that

they are God's children. God will welcome us into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Peter planned to keep reminding believers of these things as long as he lived so that they would remember them long after he was gone. This was very important.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE:

Do not forget that God has provided Jesus to take away your sins. Show how much you appreciate that by giving up some of your own time and your own desires and do things that God wants done. Take care of other people, and do not be selfish. Be patient and kind. Never forget that as a child of God, you want other people to see how good He is. God has given you all that you need to do this for Him.

HELPING TO REMEMBER:

Have children think of a person who needs to know about Jesus or someone who might need some encouragement or some help. They can cover an empty juice can or small cardboard box with colored paper and write "I will help" and that person's name on it. On several 1-by-5-inch strips of colored paper, they can write some helpful good deeds that they can do for that person. Tell them to pick one or more to do this week.

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE:

"His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue" (2 Peter 1:3)

God has called you to glorify Him by living a godly life. Jesus has given those who believe in Him the ability to let go of sinful desires and live for Him. Get to know Jesus better by reading the Bible and doing the sorts of things that He would do—helping people and telling them about God. He has given you the power to obey His command.

When you obey God because you love Him and He is giving you the strength to do it, you will know the joy of living for Him,

CONCLUSION:

God is very good and has blessed us in amazing ways. We have all we need to obey Him. There is nothing we need for life that God has not already given us.

Putting our faith in action, we are to use the resources that God has given us to grow spiritually. We start our spiritual life with faith in Jesus, then we work at being good and knowing God better.

PRAYER:

Dear God, thank You for giving us everything we need for a godly life. Help us to be kind, loving and helpful to others, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON:

Next week's lesson is "A Hopeful People." As God's people, we live in hope and believe that Jesus will return one day. Study 2 Peter 3:1-13.

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WORD SEARCH

"A Faithful People" (2 Peter 1:3-15)

Find each of the following words.

GODLINESS

CHARITY

POWER

FAITH

PATIENCE

LIFE

DIVINE

REMEMBER

FRUITFUL

KNOWLEDGE

KINDNESS

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