



**In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit, one true God.**

**Glory to Him, and may His grace and mercy
be upon us for ever. Amen.**

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PREFACE

Dear associates in Christ,

Malankara Jacobite Syrian Sunday School Association (M.J.S.S.A.) is functioning as a spiritual organization of the Church, with its headquarters at Puthencruz, in order that the children of the members of Jacobite Syrian Christian Church would nurture depending and fearing in God; they would realize and experience Christ and the light of Christ would enlighten the society through them; and they would become virtue-based citizens by learning the Bible, true faith, history, prayers and liturgy of the Church. On every Sunday, classes are conducted after the Holy Qurbana in a structured way having textbooks from Class I to XII.

Accepting the continuous request of our students, teachers, parents, Reverend priests and Their Eminences Metropolitans to revise the textbooks as per the needs of the present era, M.J.S.S.A. presents such a more attractive and student-centred text book. This new curriculum tries to introduce Jesus Christ to our kids in various ways such as games, drawings, colourings, songs, and stories.

Mastertrainers of the Educational Department has given leadership in this challenging endeavour. M.J.S.S.A. is much obliged to Rev. Fr. Varghese Paul Thombra, Mr. T.C. Alias Master, Rev. Fr. Eldhose Karuthedathu, Rev. Fr. Jijo Varghese, Rev. Fr. Shaji Varghese, Rev. Fr. JaisonBlayil, Rev. Fr. JyothisPothara, Mr. Eldhose Mathew, Mr. A.G. Alias Master, Mr. Siju Paul, and Mr. P.V. George. Along with gratefully acknowledging the contributions of the Executive Committee Member Mr. P.V. Jacob as the Coordinator of the Curriculum Committee, M.J.S.S.A. appreciates the efforts of all the Curriculum Committee members. Express special thanks to Rev. Fr. Varghese Paul Thombra, co-ordinator Sri. P.V. Jacob and T.C. Alias Master for their sincere efforts in English translation work. Sincere gratitude also goes to Smart Creations Angamali and Modern Graphics Angamali for the design works. M.J.S.S.A presents this new text book curriculum with authentic approval, after several discussions and meetings presided by the President of M.J.S.S.A. His Eminence Mor Aphrem Mathews Metropolitan.

For,
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Chev. M.J. Markose (General Secretary)

To the Parents



Dear parents,

“Let the children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs” (St. Matthew 19:14). Children are the gifts of God. They are good. But today’s world leads human beings to evils. On one hand there are alcohol, drugs, overwhelming influence of media; and on the other anger, hatred, disobedience, and disrespect towards parents and elders... How far our kids are interested in spiritual matters...? Have you ever thought of it? What is its reason?

They have not received true divine feeling. Therefore, unless we grow them carefully today, we may have to regret tomorrow. This textbook is prepared to help the kids nurturing in spiritual experience as well as enhancing their knowledge. And this book becomes worthy, only when the lessons are taught in the intended way. Some activities could be done only with the help of parents. Your dedication and time are necessary for the kids to learn the lessons accurately which is taught on every Sunday. If so, we will surely be able to develop a generation which is filled with Divine Love.

To the Parents



The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
Go through the book and see...
What all things are prepared for you...
To know, to learn, and to worship God with a fearing heart...
Lot of space is there in these beautiful pages...
To colour, to sing, to speak, to share and to enact...
Come,
Let us move forward in the image of Christ.
Let us grow by holding Christian values.
Let us advance by knowing our society and nature.



To the Teachers

Dear Teachers,

The new curriculum is an attempt to introduce Jesus Christ to a child in relation to his/her own day to day living circumstances, not only by reading and speaking, but also by thinking and acting. Every chapter is prepared in a way that a minimum of three periods/hours are required to finish it. Please ensure that you try to read and understand the chapter as a whole, and to prepare the presentation well in advance. You are encouraged to utilize your God-given talents to organize more activities supplementing the activities given in each chapter. You are requested to confirm that the aim and message of every chapter are communicated properly to each kid through the lesson and its activities. It is not to be said that the message of each chapter is communicated properly only by enough prayer and preparation. May every child be able to realize and experience Christ through you and through each lesson.



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Part 1 PRAYER

Psalm 141, 142, 119, & 117

I call upon you, Lord; hear me. Give heed to my words and answer me.

Let my prayer be like incense in Your sight, my uplifted hands be like an evening sacrifice. Lord, set a guard at my mouth, a sentry at the door of my lips, that my heart may not turn to evil and indulge in the deeds of wickedness.

Let me not sit at the table of the wicked. Let the righteous man teach me, let Him reprove me, but the oil of the wicked shall not anoint my head, my prayer is against their evil deeds. When their judges are thrown down in stony places, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.

Their bones are scattered at the mouth of the grave like the plow that breaks the earth. I lift up my eyes to You, Lord. I put my trust in You, do not leave my soul destitute.

Keep me away from the hands of the proud who have laid snares for me. Let the wicked fall into their own traps, while I go unharmed.

While my soul was in agony, I cried unto the Lord with my voice; with all my voice I made supplication. I poured out my affliction before Him, I told Him all my troubles. When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then You know my path.

They have hidden snares for me in the way I have to walk. I looked to the right, but there was no one who knew me; no one cared for my soul. I cried unto You, O Lord! I said, You are my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

Attend to my supplication; for I am in distress. Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are stronger than me. Lead me forth from prison that I may praise Your name. The righteous shall wait for me because You will answer me.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. I have sworn and have determined to keep Your holy decrees. I am made to be low, Lord. Give me life according to Your word. Lord, be pleased with the words of my lips and teach me Your decrees.

My life is always in Your hands, I do not forget Your laws. The wicked have set traps for me, but I have not strayed from Your commands. I treasure up Your testimonies. Truly they are the joy of my heart. Incline my heart to keep Your commands, in truth, for ever.

Praise the Lord, all you nations. Praise Him, all you people. Great is His goodness for us. Truly, the Lord's goodness is for ever.

To you belongs praise, O God. Barekhamor.



TOWER OF BABEL

Bible Reference: Genesis 11: 1-9

Bible Verse to Learn: **“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.”** (Psalm 127:1)

Aims:

- We should not do anything without consulting God.
- Origin of different languages is from God.

Notice the below pictures:



They are two among the seven 'Wonders of the World' - the 'Leaning Tower of Pisa' and the 'Egyptian Pyramids'.

Do you remember the 'Ark of Noah' that you have studied in the previous year?

Shall we sing together??

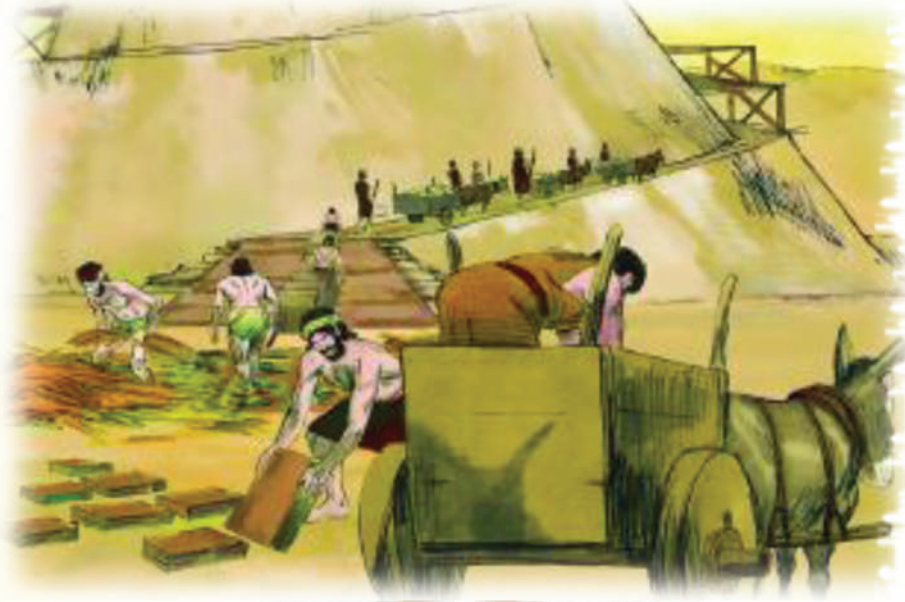
'Paranjathanethanne...' / 'Noah obeyed the Word of God...'

One day, Noah's children and grandchildren had started to build a huge tower. Do you like to know what happened then?

After the great flood, the children of Noah - Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and their children had flourished throughout the world. Started from the land of east, they had reached the land of Shinar and settled there. They had only one language and same words.

One day they thought,

**Come, let us make bricks,
and burn them thoroughly.**



**Come, using the bricks, let us build
ourselves a city and a tower with its
top in the heavens.**

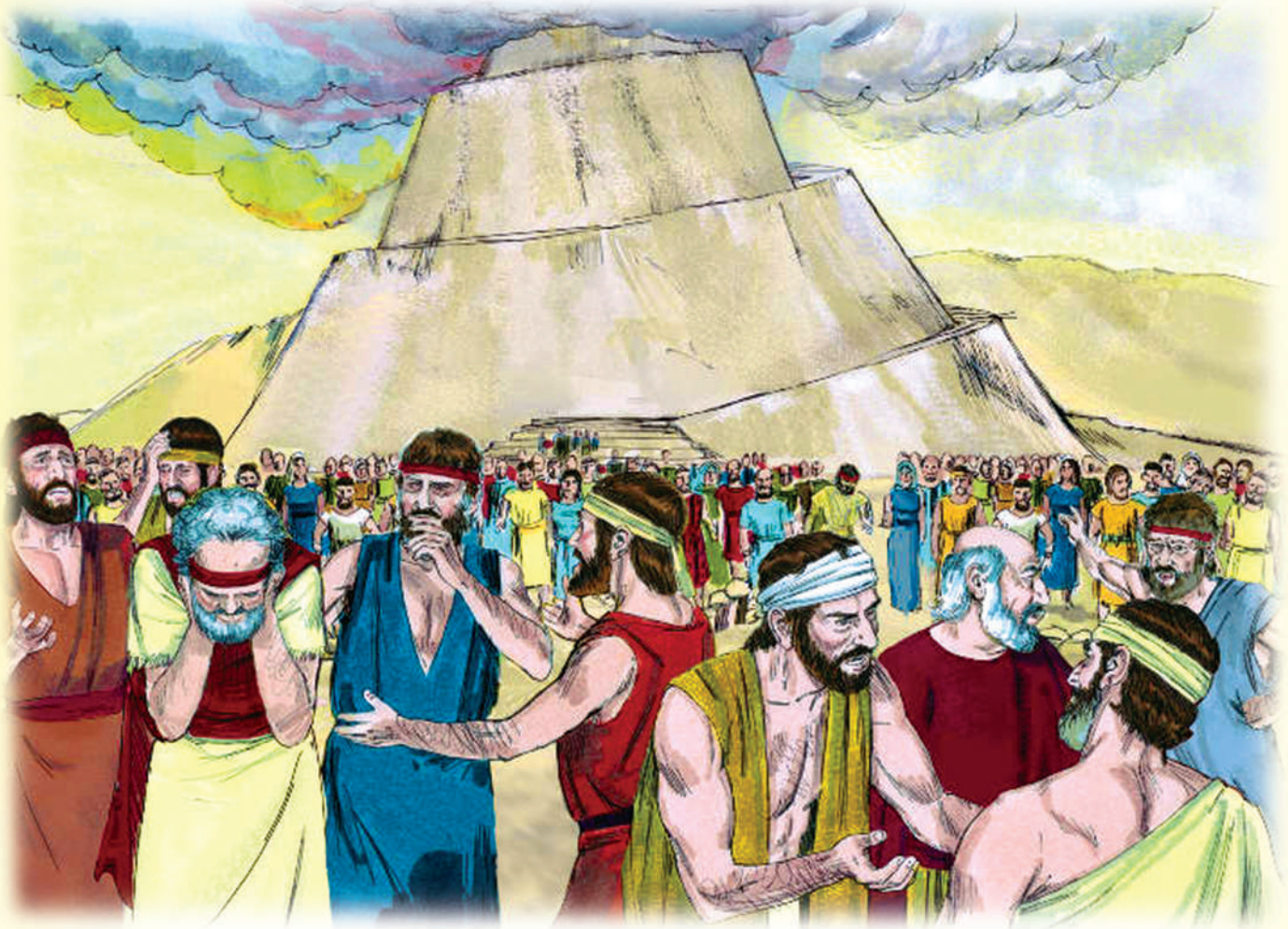


They started their attempt without asking the permission of God. And they wanted to create a 'name' for themselves leaving God away from their lives. Therefore, God did not like their endeavour. Moreover, they were challenging God with the pride that 'they are one people and have only one language'.

So God wanted to punish them.

One day God came down to see the city and the tower, which humans had built. Since they were very arrogant of their unity and single language, God had confused their language. Henceforth, one did not understand other's speech, and they started to quarrel each other. Consequently, the construction had been stopped.

Having different languages, one didn't understand other.



There were great confusion happened among them, and they ran away and scattered all around.

The place, where God had made great confusion in human language, came to known as '**Babel**' afterwards. The term '**Babel**' means '**confusion**'.

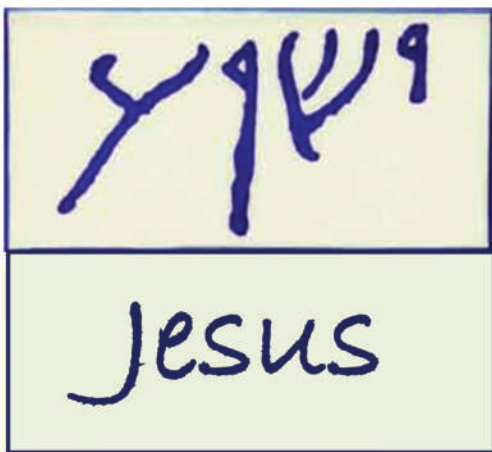
Activities:

1. List the languages that you can speak, write, read or understand.

E.g., Sanskrit

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2. Do you know the language which Jesus had spoken?



Aramaic

3. Give colour and Read aloud: Who is the Father of Languages?

God

4. Look at the pictures... understand... and share...



**We need to share with God and pray to Him before starting everything.
Praise and Glory should be given to God always.**

Learn the Bible Verse of this chapter and write it down:

Answer the Following:

1. Why did the people decide to construct a city and a tower with its top in the heavens?
2. 'God did not like their endeavour', why?
3. How did God stop the construction of the tower?
4. What is the name of the place where God confused human language?
5. What is the meaning of the term 'Babel'?
6. What should we do in order to avoid confusion in our family?

CHAPTER 2

BIRTHRIGHT

Bible Reference: Genesis 25: 29-34

Aims:

We should protect our rights.

A Classroom

- Student : Teacher, was it not Thomas won yesterday's 100m race?
Teacher : Yes, he has received its rewarding prize as well.
Student : But teacher, you know what happened? Thomas gave his prize to Babu for one packet of chocolates. And then Babu went to his house and told his parents that he was the winner of yesterday's race. Appreciating their son, his poor parents took him to a movie and bought ice-cream for him.
Teacher : Aha! Both you guys, what did you do?? It is just similar like Jacob who took the birthright from his elder brother Esau!! Is it the right way good kids are supposed to do???
Students : (All of them in the class) Teacher, how did Jacob take the birth right of Esau??
Teacher : Let me explain. Listen carefully!!

Let us sing in the Rythem of Njanappana

Isaac had two children, Esau and Jacob. One day Jacob was cooking a lentil stew (payasam). Esau came in from the field, and he was so hungry, and said: "Let me eat some of that red stuff for I am hungry." Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Having thought in his mind that 'what use is a birthright to me?', Esau replied, "I am willing to give my birthright to you; give me the stew fast." Alas, without remembering that his birthright had given by God, he had sold his birthright to his younger brother Jacob, just for some lentil stew!!



Have you understood how Esau sold his birthright to his younger brother Jacob? As per human perceptive, Jacob seems to be a cunning fellow. But God's plan is beyond human intellect. If you would like to know more about it, ask your teacher. Do you?

Teacher : Babu, you need to give the prize back to Thomas. And Thomas, you should not give your rewards or rights to anyone else. Be dependent on God to become good kids.

Bible Verse to Learn:

"So to it that no one becomes like Esau, an immoral and godless person, who sold his birthright for a single meal."

Activities:

1. **Group Discussion**

- o Is it right that Esau sold his birthright?
- o Is it right that Jacob received it in a shrewd way?
- o Why did God love Jacob more than Esau? (Teacher may help)
(Organize your thoughts)
- o Everything that we have is given by God.
- o We don't have the right to sell it.
- o Don't try to acquire anything by deceit or cunningness.
- o Both of them, Esau and Jacob were good and righteous.
- o But Esau was not a true devotee of God, nor God-fearing.

**God does justice to us not only because of our doings;
God forgives us according to His mercy.**

2. **Complete the Following:**

God gave us the 'right to heaven'. Satan tries in various ways to get us out of the heaven. What are his different tempting ways?

- o Feeling lazy while praying
- o Discouraging to observe lents in devotion and faithfulness.
- o
- o

3. Complete the Diagram:



Let us Pray:

O Messiah, our Lord, Who has shown us the path to heaven, help us to walk righteously in that path according to Your will. Amen.

Let us Sing and Paise:

Unnatha raajyamathum
Swaashwatha jeevithavum
Nirmalar-aarjikkum
SathamaMashiha bhakthanma-
rarhikkunna mahabhaagyam
Jadanethram dharshikkukayo
Sravanamkelkkukayo hrudhayam
Therukayo cheithittilethum.

Saints are invited To that High Kingdom And life eternal That no eye hath ever spied Never heard by mortal man Nor discerned by human hearts Greatly blessed are righteous one Who did love, Christ with all their heart.

Answer the Following:

1. What did Esau ask for? And what did Jacob gave in back?
2. What did Jacob ask for Esau in return for the lentil stew?
3. Who was the elder one among Isaac's two sons?
4. What all things we need to do in order not to lose the right to heaven?

CHAPTER 3

TEN PLAGUES

Bible Reference: Exodus 7 – 12

Bible Verse to Learn: *“There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”* (Acts 4:12)

Aims:

- To understand that how God punishes.
- To realize the ways for getting rid of God’s punishments.



The ten plagues that God inflicted upon Egyptians are listed in the kites above. Let us learn more about the plagues.

Let the different Bible portions be read by the kids one by one

God had decided to rescue Israelites from the bondage of Pharaoh. And God entrusted Moses and Aaron to inform His command to Pharaoh, and He said to them, “Now you know that I am the Lord. I will send ten plagues to Pharaoh, to his people and to his entire land. I have changed my mind and decided to save my people Israel that they will worship me alone.”

Please learn the ten plagues by reading the kid's kite above.

King Pharaoh had become disgusted because of the plagues. Then he called Moses and Aaron, and told them, “Rise up, go away from my people, both you and the Israelites! Go, worship the Lord, as He said to you. And bring a blessing on me too.”

Listen to this news came in the newspaper...

On that night, through the narrow bridge of consciousness and unconsciousness, Anjali had reached the door of death. In the midst of here unconsciousness, she had a vision in which God wearing white long dress was mounting stairs up. She was trying to reach the Godly figure, but she couldn't. Having seen Anjali's struggle, God said to her, "Dear child, in the earth thousands of hearts are praying for you, so you shouldn't come with me."

Anjali Mariyam Mathew is a child who has come back to life after seeing death face to face. Science and human capabilities have failed in Anjali's life; but God has gifted her life because of continuous prayer.

Activities:

1. What should we do first, if problems and struggles come to our life?



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2. Why did God inflict plagues in Egypt? (Mark for the correct answer)
 - To destroy Pharaoh
 - To change the mind of Pharaoh and turn him towards God, and thereby liberate the Israelites.
 - To sow the seeds of destruction to the people of Pharaoh alone.
 3. When God imposed the plagues, what cunningness did Pharaoh do to get rid of it? (Find out the answer by reading the Bible.)
 4. How many times did God forgive Pharaoh?
 5. After the ten plagues, what did Pharaoh say to Moses?

Let us pray:

Praise the Lord, all you nations.
Praise Him, all you people. Great is His goodness for us.
Truly, the Lord's goodness is for ever.
To you belongs praise, O God. Barekhamor.

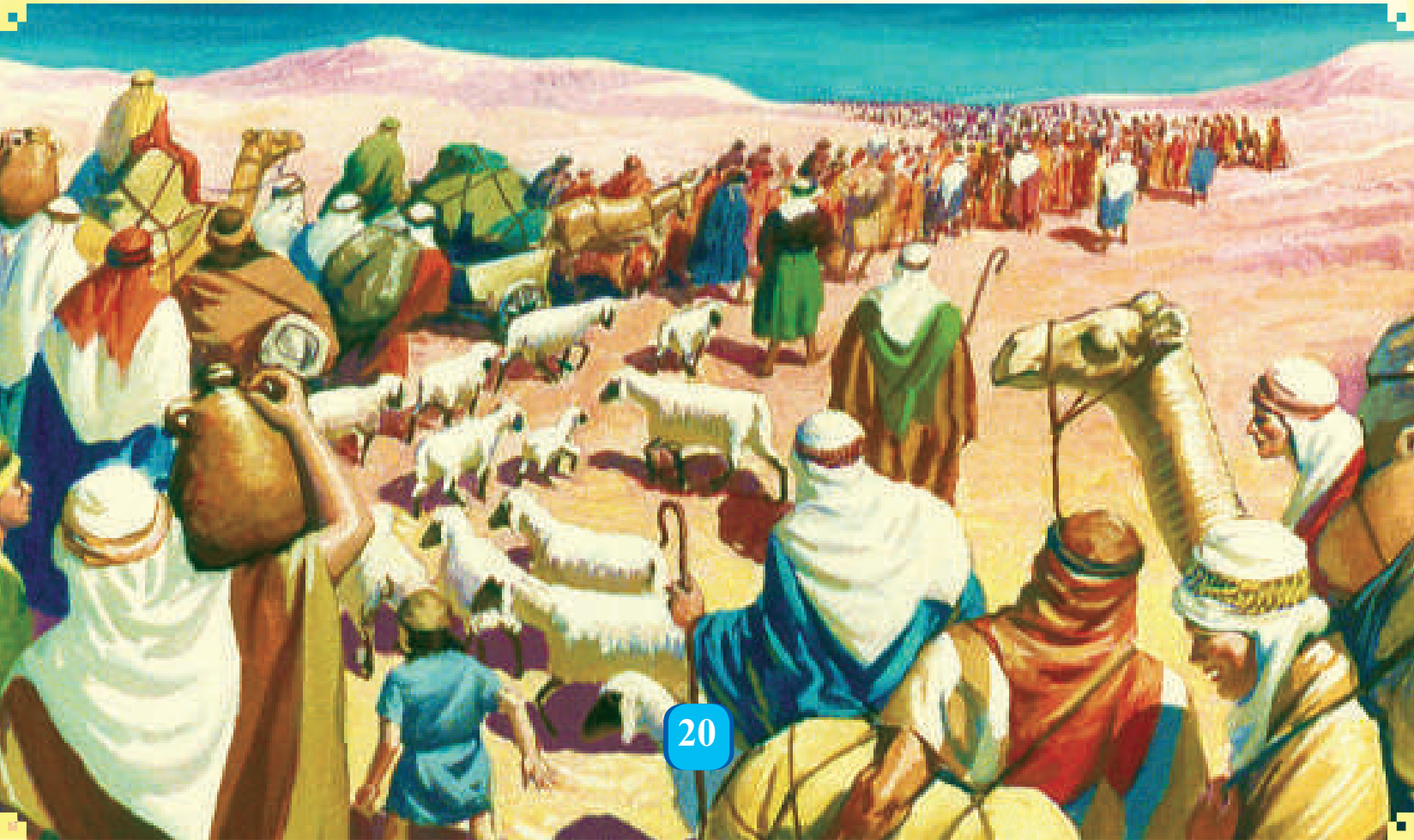
How we could help, if a land is destructed with natural calamities?

- a. By providing clothes.
- b.
- c.
- d.

Let us Sing:

Moran Yeshu ! Kurishum nin
Maathru Janathin praarthanayum
Adikaleyum nin kopathin
Vadikaleyum maicheedenam.

By Thy Cross, O Jesus Lord,
By Thy Mother's praying word,
Take from us and from our path
Punishments and rods of wrath.



CHAPTER 4

THE BRAVE JUDGE

Bible Reference: Judges 13 - 14

Bible Verse to Learn: "Get away from sins and be dependent on God."

Aims:

To understand that God will forsake those who forget God and trespass His commandments.

Dear friends, you know, Robin was arrested by the police. Everyone gathered around Manu to know the reason, "Oh! Robin is a good guy. What happened?" Sneha couldn't believe when she heard the news. Manu explained everyone what he heard about the arrest, "Yes, he is a good person. If anyone hurts because of a fall, suddenly he comes there and takes the person to staff room and does the first aid. He is very loving and compassionate. But, you know....." "What?" Everyone got excited.



He continued, "He has some bad friends. After school, he always goes with them and has become a drug addict. Police has arrested the entire gang, and unfortunately he was also with them. Bad friendship has destroyed Robin."

Likewise, let us learn about a judge who had forsaken the Lord and got into a group of wicked men.



Dear friends, please listen to my story.

I was born in the tribe of Dan, to my parents only after long years of their married life. My father was **Manoah**. One day an angel of God appeared to my mother who had been waiting for a child, and said,

"Now be careful not to drink wine or strong drink, or to eat anything unclean, for you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor is to come on his head, for the baby shall be a nazirite (one separated) to God from birth. It is he shall begin to deliver Israel from the hand of the Philistines."

Hence, I was gifted by God to my parents. And my name is Samson (Shimshon). I had grown up and become a brave man with unhuman strengths. The Lord's spirit was with me. I was a judge of Israel for twenty years. But at that time Israel was under the control of Philistines. Philistines were the enemies of Israel. One day, I was traveling to the town of 'Timnah'. When I reached the vineyards of Timnah, suddenly a young lion roared at me. The spirit of the Lord rushed on me, and I tore the lion apart barehanded. Now have you understood my power? God was the only one who gave me this great strength. Later, on another day, I caught three hundred foxes, and took some torches; and I turned the foxes tail to tail, and put a torch between each pair of tails. Then I had set fire to the torches, and let the foxes go into the standing grain of the Philistines. Thus all their standing grain as well as the vineyards and olive groves were burned up. Again on another occasion, I had slain a thousand Philistines with the jawbone of a donkey. All these were the examples of divine power showered upon me.

When I felt thirsty, God split open a hollow place and gave me water from it. My hair was entwined in seven locks, and the divine power was rested upon those seven locks. That was the reason why no one could defeat me. One day, I had said a riddle to my companions when I reached the Philistine house for my wedding. The riddle, its answer and my failure are explained in the book of Judges. Could you read it?

Please find out the riddle and its answer by reading the book of Judges 14:12 onwards

And for long time I had hid myself in a cleft of the rock of Etam. Staying there, I had been trying to defeat the Philistines.



Do you like to know the reason of my defeat, to whom God had given His power? I had forgotten God and lived my life in wicked ways. I had married women from other castes, and they cheated me. Delilah, my lady love in Philistine who lived in the valley of Sorek, had rooked me by receiving bribe from the Philistines. She tried various ways to know the secret of my power.



(That story is detailed in Chapter 16. Please read it.) At last I had to tell her the secret of my power. Then she let me fall asleep on her lap; and shaved off the seven locks of my hair.

Thereafter, God had forsaken me; and I lost the divine power in me. I tried to fight against

the Philistines who had come to seize me, but I failed. They clutched me, bound me with bronze shackles, and tied me to a pillar at the temple of their god Dagon. And they gouged out my both eyes.

I, who had forgotten God and lived in wicked ways, then remembered God. And I plead Him to give my strength back at least for one more time. God had mercy upon me, and the divine power had come back to me again.



Then I grasped the two middle pillars on which the temple rested, and I leaned my weight against them - my right hand on the one and my left hand on the other. Oh! the temple couldn't stand firm on my strength, and it fell down. Three thousand Philistines were crushed under it. I too died along with them. Now you might have understood the end of a very strong and courageous person.

It was the only reason behind my drastic end that I forgot God and led my life in evil ways. You should never be get involved in bad friendship, nor be with wicked companions.

Learn the Bible Verse of this chapter and write it down:

Let us get familiarized with the Judges of Israel,
other than Samson.



Let us find out 'why God gives us wisdom, knowledge and power'
by reading and filling the 'Figure Circle':



Let's pray:

"Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence;
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me."

Answer the Following:

1. Who was the father of Samson?
2. Who was Samson's lady love in Philistine?
3. Where did Samson hide himself?
4. What was the reason for Samson's defeat?
5. Explain the end of Samson's life?
6. Write the names of any two judges of Israel?
7. What was the riddle told my Samson? What was its meaning?

**Prepare a Short Sermon and Present it in the Classroom
(You may use the 'Figure Circle')**

TOPIC:
**How we could make use of the God-given
wisdom and power in our lives?**

Praise be to the Triune God

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CHAPTER 5

WISEST OF THE WISE MEN

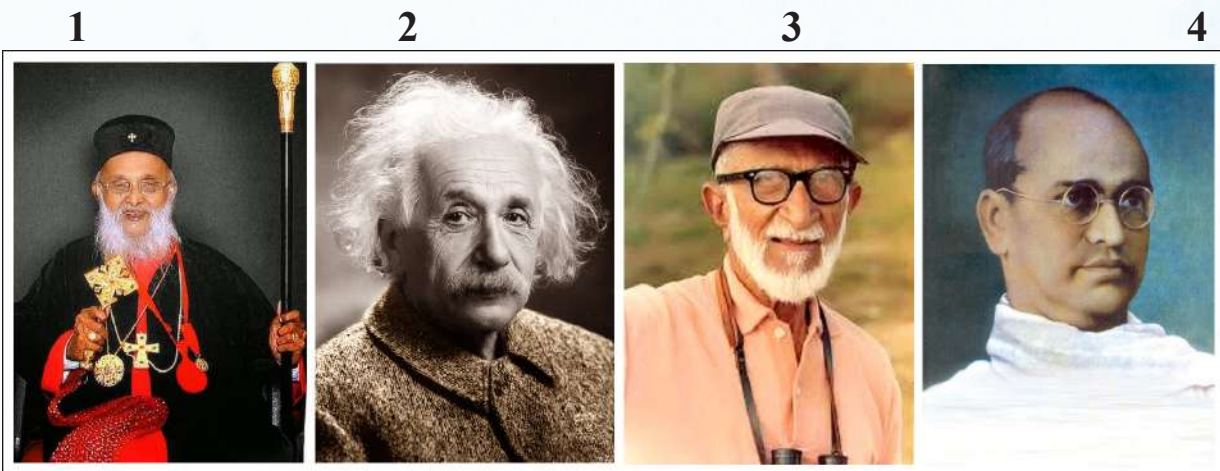
Bible Reference : 1 Kings 1 - 12

Bible Verse to Learn: **"The knowledge of the Holy One is prudence."**
(Proverbs 9:10)

Aims:

To understand that Divine Wisdom is the only essential thing required for a God's child; and Divine Ways are the only true ways.

Get familiarize and know...



No.	Name	Popular Area
1	Very Rev. Kaniyamparambil Kurian Arch Corepiscopa	
2	Einstein	
3	Salim Ali	
4	Vallathol Narayana Menon	

(Science, Theology, Literature, Ornithologist)

Do you know that the newspaper tells us about stories of honouring distinguished personalities who have contributed immensely to various fields of knowledge and wisdom? Find out one of such news from the newspaper and read it in the classroom.

Let us learn about a wise man whom God had gifted him directly the wisdom in every field. He was the wisest among the kings of Israel. Could you find out who was he? Loot at the hints...

First alphabet is in Salem, but not in Bethlehem;
Second in Obed, not in bed;
Third in Leah, not in Neha;
Fourth in Omid, not in Amid;
Fifth in Moab, not in Joab;
Sixth in Olive, not in Alive;
Seventh in Nazareth, not in Jerusalem, Now write 'Who I am??'

When King David was very old, he prayed to God to have a successor for him. According to the instruction of Prophet Nathan, Bathsheba requested King David to let her son Solomon be the next king. And the king granted her request. Obeying the command of the King, Priest Zadok and Prophet Nathan took the horn of oil from the Tent and anointed Solomon as the new King of Israel.



King Solomon thus prayed to God,

"And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

What did Solomon request to God to grant him?

(Wealth, Health, Power to defeat enemies, Long life, Wise and Discerning Heart, Beauty, Chariots)

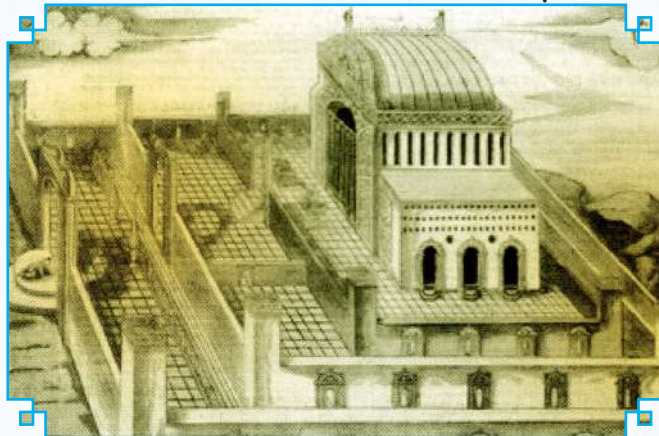
Since he had requested not for wealth nor for long life, but only for a wise and discerning heart, God was pleased in Solomon, and granted him every other blessing. The fame of Solomon's wisdom spread throughout around the world. He wrote about trees - from the cedar that is in the Lebanon to the hyssop that grows in the walls; and also about birds, animals, reptiles and fish. People came from all the nations to hear the wisdom of Solomon even with valuable gifts.

Write down any three Proverbs of Solomon about Wisdom:

1. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom.
2.
3.
4.

Using the divine wisdom, wealth and expertise, Solomon constructed many mansions and palaces. However, his most significant contribution was the building of Jerusalem Temple, which was a lifelong dream of his father, King David. Hiram, the king of Tyre provided the entire wood for furnishing the House of the Lord. One hundred fifty three thousand and five hundred (One lakh fifty three thousand and five hundred) labourers worked for seven years to complete it. The Temple was divided into three parts -the Holy of Holies (Inner Sanctum/KodeshHaKodashim), the Holy Place (Greater House/Larger Hekhal), and the Outer Court (Greater Court where people assembled). The Tabernacle of God was placed at the Holy of Holies. Since the entire place was separated as holy, and in order not to hear the sound of hammer or axe or any other tool of iron, every material was finished at the quarry or workplace itself and then brought to Jerusalem.

A Model of Jerusalem Temple



Being the richest and powerful king in the world, Solomon started to forget God gradually and led his life in cosy ways. He violated the commands of God and committed sins against Him. He constructed temples for other gods and started worshiping them. He imposed taxes on the people, and thereby they began to hate their king. Furthermore, he married various women from different religions and castes. And consequently, the anger of God came upon Solomon and all his riches. He died at the age of 60 and his kingdom got divided.

Find out the way to Jerusalem Temple. Please forget not to take the books, which are kept for you, on the way.



1. Please identify the names of the books you have collected.
2. Identify the authors of those books.
3. Who wrote the most number of books?

Book	Author
1. Psalms
2. Genesis
3. Proverbs
4. Judges
5. Song of Songs
6. Ecclesiastes

CHAPTER 6

NABOTH'S VINEYARD

Bible Reference: 1 Kings 21

Bible Verse to Learn: "The wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23)

Aims:

To understand that God will punish those who live against His will, and persecute prophets of God and the poor. Therefore lead your lives by not thinking or doing evil.



Do you like toys? But, like the child in the picture, do you have any bad habit of hurting your friends to grab their toys? Are you aware that God will punish such kids? If you like to know about God's punishment for those guys, you should know about the story of Naboth. Ah! Who is Naboth??? Let me tell you.

Ahab was the king of Israel. He ruled the country for 22 years, but led his life away from God by doing idol worship and evil things. His wife, Jezebel, was a wicked lady who killed many prophets of God. Nearby the palace of King Ahab, Naboth the Israelite had a vineyard. One day the king said to Naboth, "Give me your vineyard, so that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house." But, very sadly, Naboth replied to King Ahab,



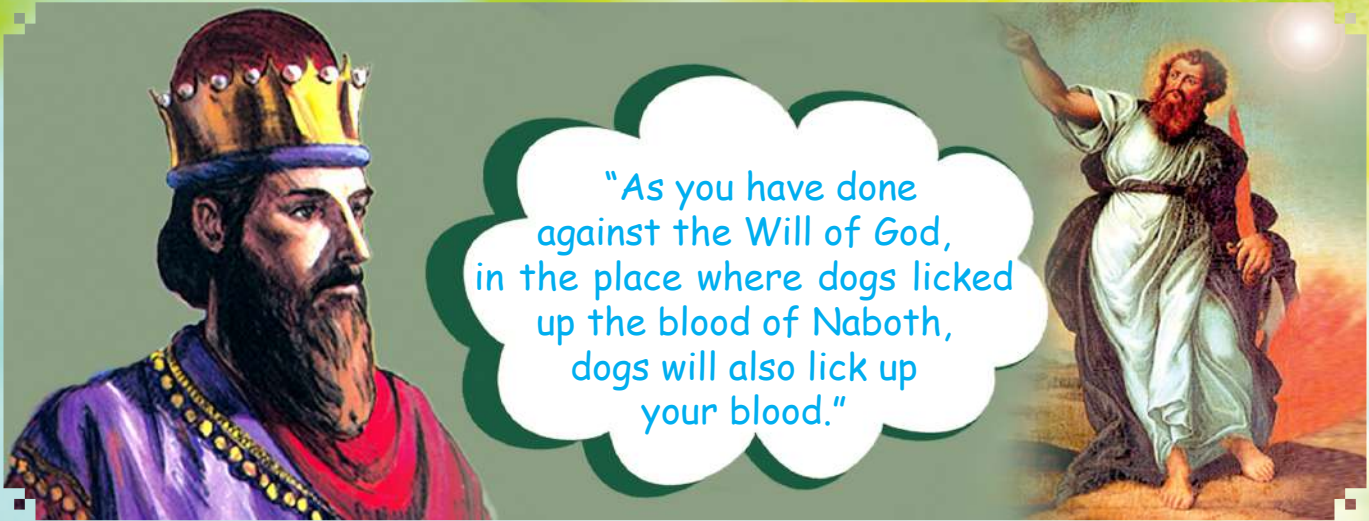
"This land is my ancestral inheritance. The Lord forbids me giving it to you." Having heard his reply, the king went home resentful and sullen. He lay down on his bed, turned away his face, and would not eat. Then his wife Jezebel came to him and said,



"Why are you so depressed?
I will give you
what you
want to have."

Jezebel played a wicked trick against Naboth. She organized the elders and nobles to give false witness against Naboth in king's court that 'he had cursed God and the king'. No one was there to speak for Naboth; and hence they stoned him to death. And the king take possession of the vineyard.

Immediately, God appeared to Prophet Elijah and told him to go to King Ahab and say,



After some years, King Ahab was killed in the battle against Arameans. The blood of the king, who was died in his chariot, was licked up by dogs. Later, according to the command of King Jehu (who ruled Israel after Ahab), the king's workers threw her down from the upper room of the palace. Her head had scattered around and she died. Lone dogs came up and ate her flesh, and hence the Will of God and the prophecy of Elijah became fulfilled.

Answer the Following:

1. What did King Ahab wish to get? Why?

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2. What was the reason that Naboth did not give his vineyard to the king?

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3. What was the warning of Prophet Elijah to King Ahab?

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4. You have already learned the Ten Commandments.

Which are the commandments violated by King Ahab?

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1)	6)
2).....	7)
3).....	8)
4).....	9)
5).....	10)

Match the Following:

- Ahab -
- Naboth -
- Elijah -
- Jezebel -

Israelite
Prophet
Queen
King

Underline the core essence of this chapter:

1. The king is strong and powerful.
2. God strengthens kings.
3. The prophets obey kings.
4. God destroys the greedy.

Write down an alternate title suitable for this chapter from the given options:

1. Failure of the Greedy
2. Importance of God's Commandments
3. The Wages of Sin is Death

Please the reasons for Jezebel's death:

- Disobedience of God's Commandments
- Wicked doings
- Consoled the King
- Arranged false witnesses

Moral Practice:

Like a business man who calculates his profit and loss every night after his business, you may also think about the profit and loss of your spirit every night before you go to bed.

Like Ahab, there are some friends who always torture others. In the below pictures, there are some kids doing annoying things. Let us lead them in right path by giving them moral instructions. Choose the appropriate instruction from the 'Word Basket' and write it below each picture.



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2.....



3.....



4.....





MY PLEDGE

I will neither hurt my friends, nor loot their things. I will no more kill birds and animals, not destroy plants and trees. I understand that God hates those who torture their fellow beings.

Look at the picture and write down 'how we could preserve our farms':



1.....

2.....



3.....

Learn the Bible Verse of this Chapter and write it down:

Let us Pray:

Lord, set a guard at my mouth, a sentry at the door of my lips, that my heart may not turn to evil and indulge in the deeds of wickedness. Amen.

Answer the Following in two or three sentences:

1. What was the reason behind Ahab's hatred to Naboth?
2. How was Naboth murdered?
3. Describe the end of Ahab?
4. How did Jezebel die?

Activity:

While going to school, if you see your friend throwing stones to or plucking mangoes from other's mango tree, how you could discourage him? Prepare a moral essay in accordance with the lesson?



My Dear Friend,

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Therefore, let us ask a mango from its owner; I will also come with you.

CHAPTER 7

REPENTANCE OF ZACCHAEUS

Bible Reference: St. Luke 19:1-10

Bible Verse to Learn: **“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.”**
(1 Timothy 1:15)

Aim:

To understand that Jesus Christ is the protector of our house.

Do you like to see elephants? Imagine, while you are playing in your school ground, an elephant is passing by. But you can't see it clearly because of the tall fence. What would you do in order to get a clear view of it? Yeah, you will either get into the stairs or go to the first or second floor; right?



Today, we are going to learn about a short man's adventurous attempt to see Jesus!!

Jericho, a city situated on the western side of River Jordan, was popular as a trading city. Merchants had to pay taxes for selling their products in Jericho. Zacchaeus was a chief tax-collector who collected taxes from the traders on behalf of the Roman Government. Since the Roman Government enslaved the Jews, they hated such tax collectors who worked for the Romans.

Zacchaeus, being a Jew and worked for the Romans, was hated strongly by the Jews. Moreover, he used to defraud people and forcefully collected extra money from them. Consequently, he was out of Jewish companionship.

One day he heard about Jesus - "A man from Nazareth, who heals many; and loves sinners, even tax collectors." "Oh, then I should meet him," he thought in his mind. After some days, having heard that Jesus was coming to Jericho, Zacchaeus rushed to see him. But on account of the large crowd around Jesus he could not,

because he was very short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree on the wayside to see him. He saw that Jesus was approaching. When Jesus came nearby the tree, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." He got extremely excited. And suddenly



he came down from the tree and welcomed Jesus to his house. While Jesus was walking to his house, all who witnessed it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner!" Zacchaeus stood there and said to loving Jesus, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Hence Zacchaeus got confessed his sins and repented. Having seen this, Jesus said, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For, the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost." And Zacchaeus became so happy.

This particular Biblical portion, which contains the repentance of Zacchaeus, is read as the Gospel (Evangelion) during every House Warming Service.

1. Name the tree which Zacchaeus climbed to see Jesus Christ?

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2. Complete the conversation:

"Look, half of my, Lord, I will give to the"

"Today has come to this house, because he too is a son of"

3. What was hindering Zacchaeus from seeing Christ Jesus? (Underline the correct answer.)

- a. Crowd b. Trees c. Buildings d. Shortness in stature.

4. Which is the Holy Sacrament being done when one having aware of his/her sins and would like to confess?

5. During which Holy Service, do we hear the Biblical portion of Zacchaeus repentance? (Underline the correct answer.)

- a. Holy Matrimony b. Holy Qurbana c. House Warming Service

6. Write in correct sequence, the different phases of Zacchaeus repentance?
(Confession, Awareness of his sins, Repentance)

a.

b.

c.

7. Why did the people dislike Zacchaeus?

Learn the Bible Verse of this lesson and Write it down:

8. Look at the pictures below. They are the ways through which we could approach God. But there are some hindrances too. Everyone, say louder and write down about how we could get rid of such hindrances.



How to Avoid

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9. What was the reward given to Zacchaeus who had seen Jesus by overcoming hindrances? (Please ✓)

- Good Position in his Job
- Healing of his Sickness
- Worldly Richness and Wealth
- Position of Son of Abraham.

Being aware of his sins, Zacchaeus confessed his sins to Jesus and repented. We are also sinners. To whom we should confess our sins? What does the Church teach us to do? Let us pray the 'Prayer before Holy Confession' and confess our sins before a priest.

Prayer before Holy Confession

(Read it; not to learn by-heart)

I confess my sins before God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Omnipotent, Omniscient and the Most Merciful; before the Holy Virgin St. Mary the Mother of God; before angels and all saints; and before you and your Holy Priesthood, my reverend father. Please accept me as the prodigal son. I have sinned with my heart, words, and deeds. I have sinned against heaven and before you. I wholeheartedly believe that whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. I do believe that you are the intermedator between God and myself. Therefore, I request you to bless me, forgive me and grant me remission of my sins; and remember me in your prayers and in the Holy Qurbana. Amen.

Two friends got a ten rupees bill from their school ground:



Nithin

"Let us give this to our teacher, Abhilash."



Abhilash

"No Nithin; no one has seen us. Let us buy some chocolates with this."

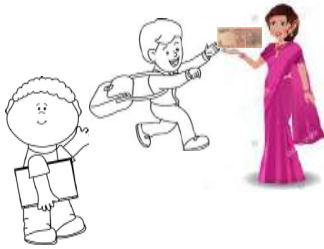


"Abhilash, it is not good. Don't we learn from the lesson of Zacchaeus, that

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"Sorry Nithin, I have sinned. You are right; let us give this money to our teacher."



"Oh great guys! Let us either give this back to its owner, or to deposit in the charity fund. Let your good model be an encouraging one to all."

What did Nithin say to Abhilash? (Discuss with your friends and write it down.)

A large, empty oval shape with a black outline, intended for students to write their discussion notes.

HABITUATE

* Read a small portion from the Bible everyday *
Meditate on it * And Learn it *

CHAPTER 8

LEPER GIVING THANKS

Bible Reference: St. Luke 17:11-19

Bible Verse to Learn: "Your faith has made you well." (St. Luke 17:19)

Aims:

- To realize the importance of prayer.
- To realize the importance of thanksgiving.
- To realize the importance of asking, even though God knows everything.

Picture Reading - Mary and her friends



What do the pictures tell us?

1st Picture - Doctor treats Mary at the hospital.

2nd Picture -

3rd Picture -

4th Picture - Mary gives thanks to God.

When we become sick, it is obvious to go to hospital. But at the same time we need to pray to God. Jesus teaches us about what we, the true Christians, should do after getting cured. Look at the pictures below:

1. One day, ten lepers from a village approached Jesus. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Rabi, have mercy on us."

2. When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests."

3. And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

4. Then Jesus asked him, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of the found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"

5. Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

When leprosy affects, a person will lose his sensation of touch. Skin will become ugly because of rashes and ulcers. During the time of Jesus, lepers were alienated from the society. Now many specialty hospitals exclusively for leprosy are available for their treatment.

Activity (Personal):

Think about the goodness that God has given you...

(E.g., Good Health, Good Intellect, Loving Parents etc.)

Write a prayer praising God for giving you all goodness in your life:

Write down the Bible Verse of this lesson:

How do you give thanks in situations mentioned below? Write suitable thanksgiving words:

1. To a friend who helped you when you fell down from your bike.

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2. To a friend who gave you a pen in the classroom.

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3. To a friend who taught you a lesson which you didn't understand.

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Letter Writing:

One of your friends is admitted in a hospital suffering from terminal illness. Taking this lesson as an example, write a letter to your friend consoling him saying; be faithful in Jesus Christ, the ultimate healer.

Dear

Jesus Christ is the ultimate healer. Nothing is impossible to God.

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..... Let us give thanks to God.

With Prayers,

Answer the Following:

1. What did the lepers call out and say when they saw Jesus?
2. How many lepers did come back to Jesus after getting healed?
3. Who gave thanks to Jesus?
4. How should we behave to a sick person?
5. What was Jesus' reply to the leper who came back to him?
6. Jesus Christ is the of the sick.

Moral Practice:

1. Visit sick persons nearby your house and pray for them at least twice a day.
2. Do everything in prayer and strong belief.

CHAPTER 9

JESUS RAISES LAZARUS TO LIFE

Bible Reference: St. John 11: 1-45

Bible Verse to Learn: **“Christ is the Lord of both the dead and the living.”** (Romans 14:9)

Aims:

To understand that ‘if we believe, we will also see the glory of God’.



Scene 1

(While Jesus is speaking to his disciples, two persons enter.)

- Two Persons : Lord, in Bethany, Lazarus, whom you love so much, is terminally sick. His sisters, Martha and Mary have sent us here to inform you.
- Jesus : His illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it. (To his disciples) Come, let us go to Judea again.
- Disciples : Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?
- Jesus : Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them. (After one moment) Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.
- Disciples : Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.
- Jesus : (Realizing that his disciple had not understood him properly, Jesus makes it clear and saying,) Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.

Scene 2

Jesus and his disciples travel for a long distance to reach Bethany. And when Jesus arrives, he finds that Lazarus died and had already been in the tomb for four days.

- Martha : (Hearing that Jesus is coming, she run to him and saying aloud,)
Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of Him."
- Jesus : You brother will rise again.
- Martha : I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.
- Jesus : I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live; and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.
- Martha : Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.
(When Mary sees Jesus and disciples, she runs to Jesus, kneels down at his feet, saying,)
- Mary : Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.
(Mary weeps; seeing this everyone gathered also weeps.)
- Jesus : (With a weeping heart)Where have you laid him?
- Everyone : Lord, come and see.
(Jesus is crying.)
- Jews : See, how he loved him! He is crying.
- Some other Jews : Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?
(Jesus, having disturbed in his spirit, comes to the tomb along with others. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.)
- Jesus : Take away the stone.
- Martha : Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.
- Jesus : Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God? (They take away the stone.)
(And Jesus looks upward and prays,)

"Father, I thank You for having heard me. I knew that You always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that You sent me."

(When he said this, Jesus cried with a loud voice,)

"LAZARUS, COME OUT!"

(The dead man comes out, his hands and feet are bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth.)

Jesus : Unbind him, and let him go.

(They untie all his strips and let him free.)



Having seen this, everyone gets amazed and believes in Jesus.

Let us Pray

Every day we come to know about our friends, kin and kith, who suffer from various diseases and illnesses. Let us pray to Christ, the ultimate healer and the one who raised Lazarus from death to life:



Lord, we believe in your wholeheartedly. You have taught us that if we believe,
 we will see the Glory of God. Merciful Lord,

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.....that my friend, will be healed and glorify

Your name. Amen.

Answer the Following:

1. What was the name of Lazarus village?
2. Who were the sisters of Lazarus?
3. "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for"
4. What did the disciples say to Jesus about the thing going to hap pen, if they go back to Judea again?
5. Why do those who walk in the night stumble?
6. Who said this, "But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of Him"

CHAPTER 10

HOSANNA

Bible Reference: St. Matthew 21: 1-11

Bible Verse to Learn: "Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey." (Zachariah 9:9)

Aims:

To understand that Jesus Christ is the King of kings, and we need to humble ourselves in order to welcome Him.





Compare and contrast the entry procession of Jesus and a king:

- ✦ Jesus enters riding on a donkey.
- ✦ A king enters riding on a chariot.

- ✦
- ✦
- ✦
- ✦

When Jesus entered to Jerusalem on a donkey, everyone gathered there including children spread their cloaks on the road and cut olive branches; and waving the branches they sang aloud:

Children held olive branches
 They were praising and saying,
 "Hosanna! Hosanna!
 Hosanna! Son of David!
 Blessed is He who has come
 And will come in the Lord's name."

Saithinkompukalenthiiithaa
 Pinchukidaangalpaadunnu
 "BhooswargangalilOoshaana!
 DhaaveedathmajanOoshaana!
 Vannavanumvaruvonumaho
 Dhanyannikhileshasthothram."

Jesus' every act revealed that he was the Messiah (Saviour). Towards the end of his public ministry, and five days before the Feast of Passover, Jesus has done his triumphal entry to Jerusalem. And commemorating this particular event, the Church celebrates the Feast of Hosanna (Palm Sunday).

Could you write down any two things that happen in your church on Palm Sunday?

1.
2.

Jesus sent two disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me." They brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd who accompanied Jesus spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from olive trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting aloud,

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven."

When the Jewish Pharisees and scribes saw these things, they became angry, and said to Jesus, "Order your disciples to stop." But he answered them,

"I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

And thus Jesus entered into the Jerusalem temple triumphantly and gloriously.

Ask your parents and write it down:

1. How do we welcome Metropolitan to the church?

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2. What are the preparations done in a house, where a priest enters with Holy Qurbana to give it to someone who is terminally sick?

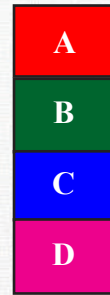
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My Grade given by Teacher:



Improvise your answers with the help of your teacher:

1.

2.

Mark to the wrong answers:

1. We should not take the blessed palm leaves to our houses.
2. We should not make cross with the blessed palm leaves.
3. We should not drop the blessed palm leaves down on the floor.
4. We should not tear the blessed palm leaves.

When Jesus enters to my heart,
I will decorate myself with:

Fill my heart with
divine love

I will sing praises
to Jesus



I will humble myself.

I will fill my heart with
gentleness.

I will say louder, "Jesus is
the Messiah" (Saviour).

Let us Sing and Praise (No need to learn by-heart):

OliveenthalthalakeduthOoshaana
Shishubalanmaarpaadikeerthichon
Dheva! Dheyacheitheedaname.

Kroobaganambhramamodupereedumpol
Gardhabhameritterushalemaarnnon
Dheva! Dheyacheitheedaname.

Yerushalempuripookeedummeram
Madhuraraavamshishuganamarppichon
Dheva! Dheyacheitheedaname.

GiriSaithilninnerushalemolam
ShishubalanmaarOshaanapaadiya
Dheva! Dheyacheitheedaname.

Vinayathalrakshayenalkiyasoono
Yuvashishuvrudhanmaarsthuthicheivone
Dheva! Dheyacheitheedaname.

He Whom the children and infants praised
With palm branches singing Hosanna!
O God, have mercy on us.

He Whom the Cherubs carry with fear
The colt carried to Jerusalem
O God, have mercy on us.

He Whom the children and infants praised
With simple words in Jerusalem
O God, have mercy on us.

From the Mount of Olives to Zion
Children drew near singing Hosanna!
O God, have mercy on us.

Old and young, children and infants praise
The Son Who by His meekness saved us
O God, have mercy on us.

CHAPTER 11

FORGIVENESS TO A SINFUL WOMAN

Bible Reference: St. Luke 7: 36-50

Bible Verse to Learn: "Your faith has saved you." (St. Luke 7:50)

Aims:

To understand that Jesus Christ gives forgiveness to a truly repentant heart.



Father : Ah! You both get your Sunday School textbooks. Let us prepare by reading again the lesson taught on last Sunday. Oh, one more thing to say you - tomorrow afternoon our vicar is visiting us. He is coming to our house as a part of his house visitation.

Mother : (To the kids) When achen comes, you both have to go to the gate and invite him from there.

Father : When he enters the house, you should say him to sit down. You are supposed to sit only after the achen sits on the chair.

Mother : We need to keep our house very clean and neat, no more paper pieces anywhere. Achen will go to ammama's room and will pray for her keeping his hand on her forehead. At that time you both should stand nearby prayerfully and with awe. When achen goes to wash his hands, you should provide him towel. You are supposed to give answers properly for every question achen asks you. All who are coming to our house are our guests. And when achen leaves you need to fold your hands and say him thanks.

Kids : Yes Mom, now we understand how to welcome our achen.

One day, one of the Pharisees named Simon invited Jesus to his house or a feast. And Jesus accepted his invitation. Washing the feet of the guests, anointing them with fragrant oil, hugging and kissing them were quite customary during that period. But Simon did not do anything while welcoming Jesus. What was the reason?

Find out the answer by making the following words into a sentence.

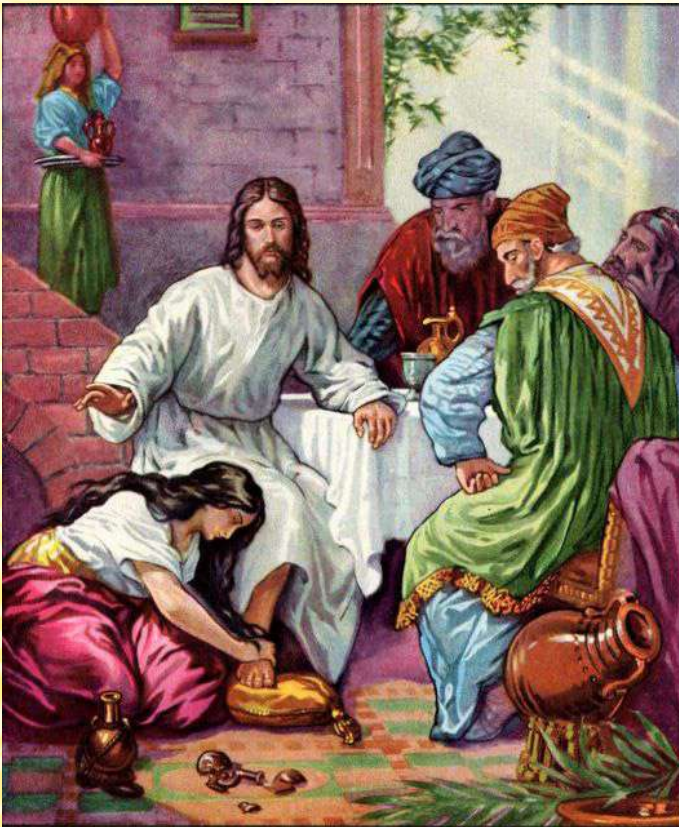
(Jesus, found, an ordinary person, Simon)

Jesus went into Simon's house and took his place at the table. Suddenly, a woman came near to Jesus with an alabaster jar. Oh, the villagers were commenting about her:

Look, she is a sinful lady.

She leads a bad life.

Her alabaster jar was full of very costly ointment of nard. Weeping deeply, she sat on Jesus' foot.



She cried deeply because of her sins. She began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her long hair. She continued kissing his feet. Then she opened the jar and anointed his feet with the ointment. Looking at her, Jesus was sitting very quietly.

Having seen all those things, Simon, the house owner thought in his mind, "If this man was a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him - that she is a sinner."

Jesus, reading Simon's mind, said to him, "Simon, I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love and repentance." Nothing to reply, Simon stood there very quietly.



Then Jesus said to that woman,
"Your sins are forgiven; your faith has saved you;
go in peace."

Having her sins forgiven, she went back with a joyful and a grateful heart.

Let us sing:

Ajamo maado chengaliyo
Kuru praavin kunjungaleyo
Kaazhcha-yathaayitt-arppikkunnilla.
Sheemon than bhavane vanna
Paapi sthree pol iru thulli
Kanneer kanden-mel deya thonname.

Write the correct number (1 or 2) according to the character of their personalities:

1. Sinful Woman	<input type="checkbox"/> Bathed Jesus' feet with tears	2. Simon
	<input type="checkbox"/> Led a sinful life	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Doubted Jesus	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Repented	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Considered Jesus as an ordinary person	

Write any two greetings you say while welcoming guests to your house:

a. b.

The Way You Treat Your Guests:

	Yes	No
a. Go to gate to welcome them	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Do not answer for anything they ask you	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Hide inside your room	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Ask them whether they have brought anything for you	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Invite them to sit inside	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Do not come out from your room	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CHAPTER 12

JESUS THE SERVANT

Bible Reference: St. John 13: 1-20

Bible Verse to Learn: **“All who exalt themselves will be humbled; and all who humble themselves will be exalted.”** (St. Matthew 23:12)

Aims:

We should not waste any opportunity to serve others. Anyone who follows Jesus has to be a humble servant of others.

Listen to a conversation between two passengers inside a bus:

- First : Hei dear one, where are you working?
Second : In a bank at Kottayam.
First : Great!! I am going to my daughter's house at Aluva. I don't know whether someone will be there at the bus station to get my luggage off from the bus.
Second : That's alright. I will help you uncle.
First : Oh, no; I don't mean it.
Second : It is okay. I know, uncle, you are too old and it is so heavy. Even I could help you to get it into an autorikshaw, when we reach there.
First : What a humbleness!! What a model!!
Second : Uncle, Jesus Christ is my model.
First : Thank you dear; and may God bless you.



Have you ever participated in the service of 'Washing of the Feet' (Kaalkazhukalshushrusha) on the day of the 'Feast of Passover' (Pesahaperunna)? It is an important service in our Church, conducted only once in a year. It is being done by a metropolitan sitting with twelve priests. The metropolitan washes the feet of the twelve priests and kisses them. The service of 'Washing of the Feet' is being conducted following Jesus' great model of humbleness.



The day of the Feast of the Passover came after Hosanna. Disciples said to Jesus, "Where do you want us to make preparations for the Passover meal?" Jesus said to Peter and John, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him; and wherever he enters, ask the owner of the house; and he will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready." Then the two disciples went to the city and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. On the dusk of the day, Jesus entered into the room along with his twelve disciples and ate the Passover meal there.



This famous picture of the 'Last Supper' was drawn by a popular Italian sculptor cum painter. Find his name?

When everyone had taken their places in the upper room, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took the cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

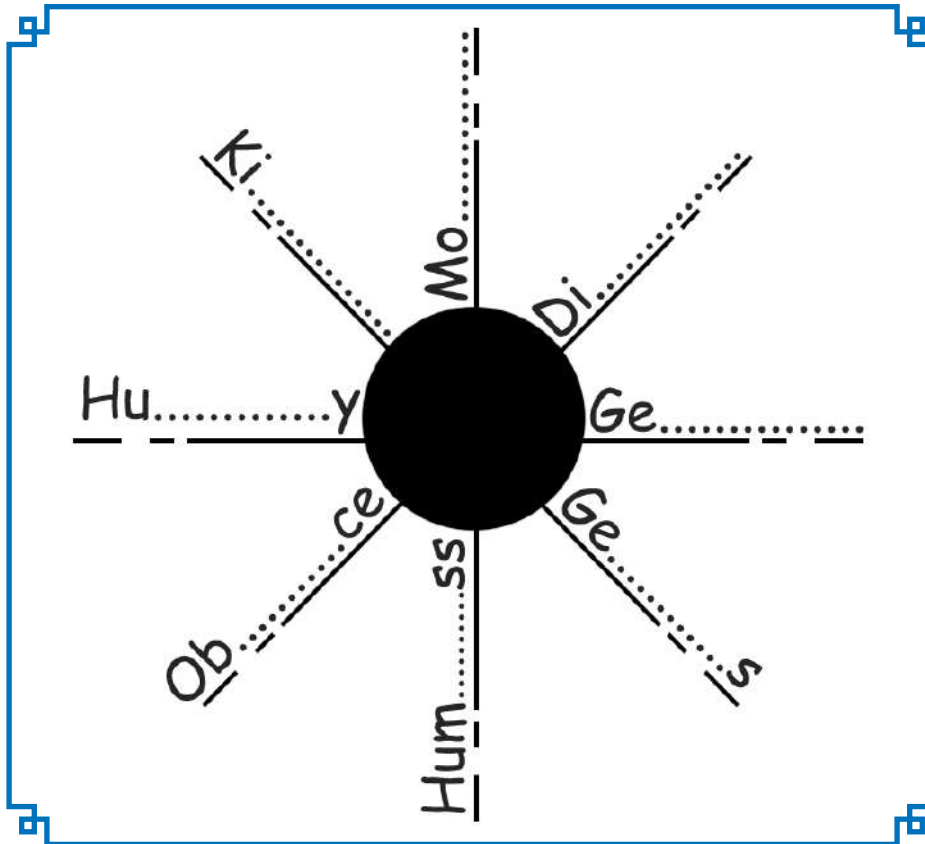
After this, Jesus got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. During that period, slaves were forced to wash the feet of their masters. But here, Jesus who was the Son of God, humbled himself and exhibited the great model of servanthood by washing the feet of his disciples like a slave.

Jesus was washing the feet of his disciples one by one. When he came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Hearing this Peter replied, "Lord, not my feet only but also wash my hands and my head!" After washing the feet of everyone, Jesus said, "If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." And he gave them instructions on humbleness and then completed the Feast of Passover.

WORD SUN

What are the qualities we need to have to perform Jesus' Model? Complete the 'Word Sun' by writing the suitable words from the bracket:

(Humbleness, Humility, Discipline, Kindness, Obedience, Generosity, Gentleness, Modesty)



Write Suitable Caption:

(Humbleness, Generosity, Quarrel)



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Answer the Following:

1. What did Jesus teach his disciples by washing their feet?
 - a.
 - b.
2. How did the disciples find the place for preparing the Passover meal?
3. Who said to whom - "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me"?
4. What did Jesus say after taking a loaf of bread, blessing it and giving it to his disciples?
5. Write a letter of appreciation to the bank employ who helped the old man to carry his luggage?

CHAPTER 13

HAPPINESS AND SADNESS

Listen to an incident happened in Molly Teacher's class:

Molly Teacher : Hei, what happened to Minikutty? You look very sad. Everyone else is very happy; but why you are so sad?

(No one said anything for a while.)

Neha : I will tell you teacher. Her elder sister failed in Year 10 exam. Everyone else in her class has passed the exam. Even the entire family is so sad.

Molly Teacher : Oh, what happened to her sister? She is a good student. Didn't you go for a reevaluation?

Neha : There is a reason behind her sister's failure. In the morning of the day of her Hindi exam, she fell down and her right arm got fractured. There was a huge swelling. She went to the hospital and got treatment on that morning itself. Although she came for the exam, she couldn't write it because of severe pain. She got A+ in all other subjects. (Everyone consoled Minikutty.)

Molly Teacher : It is okay. Why so much to worry about? She could appear for the SAY exam (supplementary exam) and pass for the subject. Look my dear kids; our life is a mixture of happiness and sadness. There is a night for a day; and a valley for a hill. See, 'rose' is so beautiful, isn't it? And it smells enchanting. But there are thorns everywhere on its stem. Our life is also the same. When we have slight sorrows in our lives, we should not be much depressed and sad; and at the same time when we have some delightful moments, we shouldn't be overwhelmed and prideful.

Kids : Teacher, now Minikutty's sadness is getting relieved. Thank you.

Today, let us get familiar with a person in the Bible.
And let us learn from him how to lead our life in happiness and sadness.

Look at the Picture



This person's life was a mixture of happiness and sadness. God called him 'righteous'. Do you know who was he? And what happened to him?

JOB

Listen to the words of Job:

"Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Let the children read Job chapter 1. Each kid reads at least two verses. And answer the following questions:

1. Write the goodness and sadness of Job?

Goodness of Job

1. Plenty of Servants
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Sadness of Job

1. Animal wealth was carried off by robbers.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

2. What did Job do when he was blessed with richness? (Verse 5)
3. What did Job do when he had to suffer with bad things? (Verse 22)
4. Who is the true friend with us always, either in happiness or in sadness?

Jesus Christ

Do you know what was the reward given by God to Job who praised Him during his happiness and in his sadness?

“Lord gave Job everything twice as much as he had before”

Let us praise Jesus in our happiness and in our sadness. All our sorrows will go away and we will be consoled with hope and peace.

Remember Always

**When we share our happiness, it will increase twice;
When we share our sorrows, it will decrease half.**

Let us share our sorrows with Jesus.

PART 4 - LITURGICAL SONGS

1. Thirusutharaai varuvaan namme
Avarullappol padippicha thaathanmaare
Orkkenam praarthana qurbanakalil naam
Azhivillathoru mokshathil,
Nayavaanmar amalanmaarodorum-
chaashwaasamavarkkarulatte dheivasuthan.

Moriyo....

In oblations and in pray'rs
Mention we our blest forebears
Taught they us the truth to see,
Children of our God to be
Christ's atonement be their stay
In God's realm of endless day;
With the righteous and the just
Praising God in perfect trust.

Moriyora hem...alainooadharain.

2. Mannamakalkkai shlomo
Vanneki dhoothavaran
Ninnodu kooden Naathanni-
nnil thannudhayamathum.

Barekhmor.

Akhilajagalpathiye naayaka-
naayettighoshicha-
ngathi bahumaanichu Mariyam
Valuthaam padavaai thaan.

Moriyo...

Peace the bright archangel brought,
Hailing Mary fair,
Favored is thy blessed lot
Thou the Lord shall bear.

Barekhmor.

Like a ship did Mary bear
Laud and honour be
Him, the captain and the Lord
God of all the world.

Moriyo...

3. Naadha krupacheyyanamalivaal
Krupa cheyyanamutharamaruli
Krupacheyyaname ninakkusthuthi
Krupa njangalilundaakatte - Haleluyya.

Lord, have mercy upon us
Lord, be kind and have mercy
Answer Lord, and have mercy
Praise to Thee on us be grace - Haleluyya.

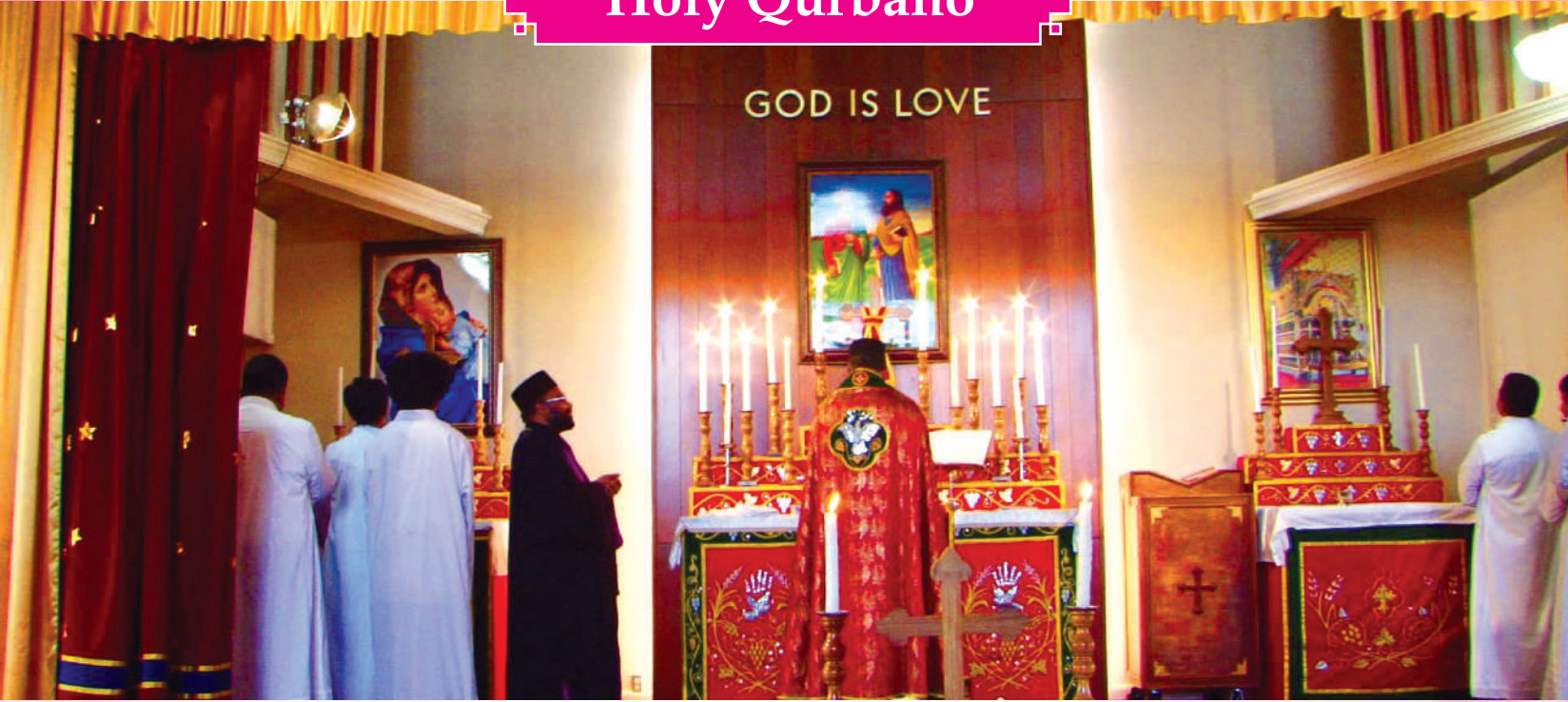
4. Sthuthi uyarangalil Naadhannum
Bahumathi than maathaavinnunum
Pukazhum mudi sahadenmaarkkum
Krupa mritharilundaakatte - Haleluyya.

Glory be to God on high;
To His mother honor be,
To the martyrs crowns of praise,
Grace and mercy to the dead - Haleluyya.

5. Maathaavu yachikkum - parishudhanmaarum
Naadha! Punyam nalkingu marichorkkum.

By Thy mother's plea - and of all Thy Saints
Lord, absolve our sins, - and with us, our dead.

Holy Qurbano



Why do we observe Sunday as the day of worship?

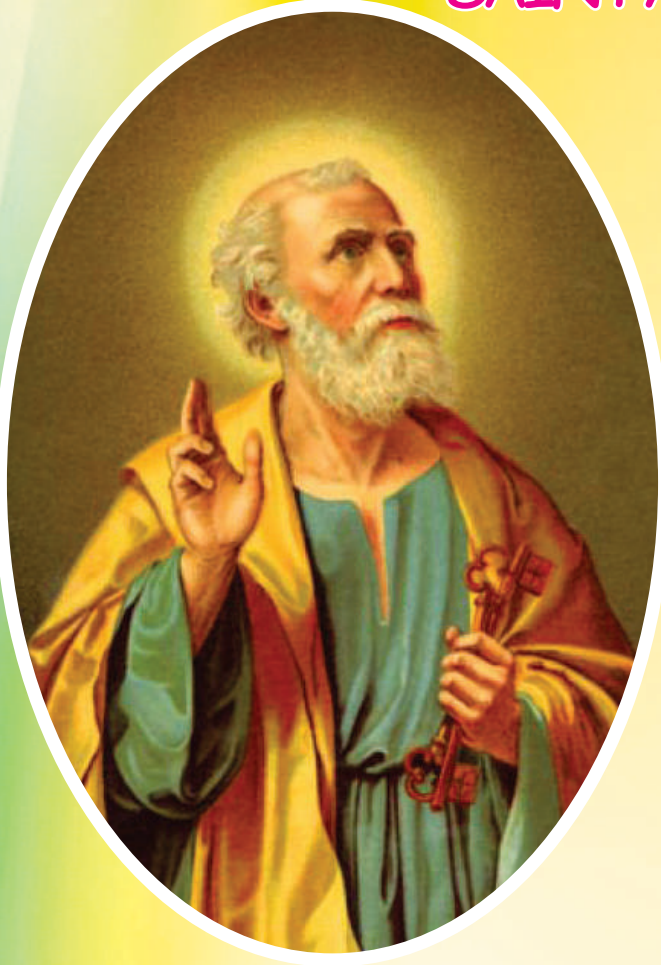
Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ was resurrected on Sunday, the first day of the week. It was mostly on Sundays that Jesus appeared to his disciples. The day of Pentecost, on which the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles who were awaiting it, was a Sunday. And because of these reasons, the Church teaches us to observe Sunday as the Lord's Day.

Let us sing and praise together:

Ella dhasangalil valuthu njaayarnaal thanne
Ihaparamaake shrushtikalum modhikkunneedhinam
Dheivathronos - ithil mahimappedunnu
Reksha vaartha - ithilariyikkunnu
Jeevikal marichavarkkaaswaasam prethyashayumundaai
Kabaryl ninniha Karthaavumu yirthezhunneteedhinam
Haleluyya - sabha modhikkunnu.(2)

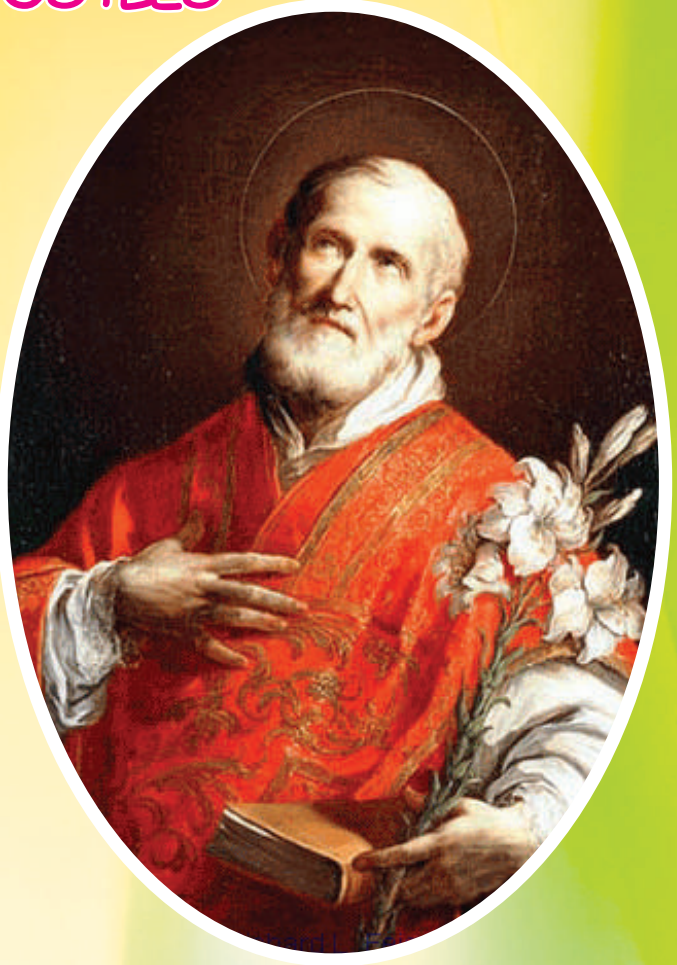
(Sunday is the greatest of all days; and on this day the entire creation in heaven and earth rejoices. The divine altar is glorified and the good news of salvation is proclaimed on this day. The living and the dead have received comfort and hope by the resurrection of the Lord from His tomb on this day. And glory be to God that the Church rejoice in this day.)

SAINT APOSTLES



St. Peter, the Apostle

1. First among the apostles
2. Established the Holy Throne at Antioch in AD 37
3. Called us Kepha (Rock)
4. Father - Jonah
5. Brother - Andrew
6. Persecuted by Emperor Nero
7. Crucified to death upside down



St. John, the Apostle

1. Apostle whom Jesus loved the most
2. Witnessed the crucifixion of Jesus
3. Gave St. Mary a shelter in his house
4. Exiled to the island of Patmos
5. Wrote the Book of Revelations
6. Known as the 'apostle of love'
7. The only apostle to have a natural death

Let us Sing Together

Pathivrathayaam - paripaavanasabhaye
Vaano-n-kaanthan - vettori-neram
Sheemon Yo - hannanennivare-
Aahvaa-nam-che-ithelppiche-vam
Veedin-bharanam-Shee-mo-ne
Suvish-sham-Yoha-nnaane
Kalppi-chaan-vilaye-ree-dum
Re-ktha-thaal njaan vaangiyoree
Sabhaye-ningal-samrekshippin.

Holy Church - to heavenly groom
Betrothed was - sacred and clean
Exhorted, commissioned were
Simon and John - by the Lord then
Simon - to keep the house safe
Gospel - to John was trusted
Lord ex-orted them again
This Church - that I bought with all
Mine own precious - Blood, thou keep safe

Match the Following

Kepha -
Book of Revelation -
AD 37 -
Nero -

Antioch, Roman Emperor, Rock, St. John

PART 6 - CHURCH HISTORY

RESEARCH PROJECT

In the path of tolerance...



St. George



St. Thomas



St. Mary



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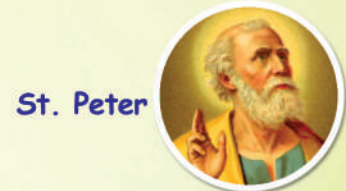


St. Stephen



St. Paul

“Remember your leader, those who spoke the Word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.”



St. Peter



Mor Kuriakose Sahadha



St. Yeldho Mor Baselios



St. Gregorios Abdul Jaleel



St. Ignatius Alias III



St. John the Baptist

St. SleebaMor Osthathios



MorShabor Mor Aphroth



St. Gregorios of Parumala



St. PauloseMor Athanasius of Aluva

Preface of the Project:

The beginning of the Church, established by our Lord, was held in Jerusalem. After the ascension of Jesus to heaven, the apostles and the faithful used to gather together in Jerusalem Temple for prayer. When St. Stephen was stoned to martyrdom, the persecuted faithful of the Church ran away and scattered around Judea, Samaria and Antioch. From the time of the Roman Emperor Nero to about two hundred and fifty successive years, the Christian Church had tolerated various persecutions. The freedom of worship was denied. 'To be a Christian' was considered a crime. And the Christians, who were reluctant to worship Roman idols and emperors, were killed and persecuted brutally. St. Peter, St. Paul, St. James, St. Ignatius Noorono, St. George, St. Kuriakose, the 40 martyrs of Sebaste and many others were martyred for Christ. Our Church teaches us to commemorate the feasts of all saints and martyrs. Let us submit ourselves to their intercession.

Concluding Song of the Project

Dhushtanodadaraadaan
+Sleeba vaahikalaam
Sahadhenmaar chennu
Vaalal chedhitharaayi chilar
Chilaragniyilanthyam kandu
Dhushtan dharshichaarpittu
Madipoondillavarum poril
Punyam nalkanamavar yaachanayaal.

The martyrs put on
The Cross+ as armor
And fought with Satan;
Some were slaughtered by the sword,
Some were burned by the fire;
But they were not overcome;
Which enraged the evil one;
By their pray'r, have mercy on us.

PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE KIDS

Research materials could be collected from teachers, parents, elders, and priests.

Additionally make use of religious books, Church journals like 'Atmadeepam', newsletters like 'ViswasaSamrakshakan', Supplements of Particular Feasts etc. to get an understanding of the biographies of the saints and martyrs. You need to write only about St. Mary, any three saints, and any three martyrs (altogether seven) mentioned in the above list.

Beautify your project work by including suitable pictures.

No individual biography is expected to be written more than two pages of an A4 sheet.

Submit your work to your teacher by giving a suitable title for your project.

Do not forget to make its cover page attractive.

You could collect the data during the time of your Onam/half year vacation; and submit it within one month. Your teacher will be giving a grade after evaluating the entire structure, preface, knowledge, data, and style of presentation.

You are encouraged to use the given preface and the concluding song.

