



**Mustard Seed Sunday School Lesson for April 23, 2006.
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"Where Peace Is Found"

GOLDEN TEXT: - "The same day at evening,....came Jesus and stood in the midst, and said unto them, Peace be unto you" (John 20:19).

SCRIPTURE LESSON TEXT: Ecclesiastes 1:1-9; John 20:19-23

Ecclesiastes 1:1

The words of the Preacher, the son of Da'vid, king in Je-ru'sa-lem.

2 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.

3 What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?

4 One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh; but the earth abideth for ever.

5 The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose.

6 The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.

7 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.

8 All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

John 20:19

Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

21 Then Je'sus to them again, Peace be unto you; as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Ho'ly Ghost:

23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW

Jesus gives peace to a life of uncertainty and trouble

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

Troubles and difficulties in the world are unavoidable.

Jesus gives peace during life's troubles and uncertainties.

Put your mind on Jesus; the things of God give peace.

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS

For Beginning the Lesson, the teacher will have box with the word peace written on the top of it. Each child will be asked to write or have the teacher write down one trouble or problem that they want to place in the peace box.

For Telling the Lesson, each child will need a Bible.

For Telling How to Live, the teacher will have each child to pull out one letter in the word PEACE from a second box and tell how they can give their problem or trouble to God. Each child will place their problem or trouble in the box and take out a letter spelling the word peace. For each letter, each child will tell how they can leave their problems with God and take the letter they pull instead of their trouble.

BEGINNING THE LESSON

(Gather the children around in a circle). Explain to the children that Jesus came back to life. He stayed on earth for forty days, then He went to heaven to be with God, His Father.

Before he left to go to heaven He left the disciples something. Have the children to guess what Jesus could have possibly left the disciples since He had no money or material things.

Tell the children that Jesus promises us the same wonderful gift today.

Have them look at the board after reading (John 14:27) to them, ("My peace I give unto you").

TELLING THE LESSON

Today we will look at Ecclesiastes 1:1-9 and John 20:19-23.

1. Who was King David's son who wrote the book of Ecclesiastes?

Answer: The writer in this lesson is referred to as "The Preacher". However, it was Solomon, King David's son who wrote the book of Ecclesiastes. Solomon was said to be a very rich and wise ruler.

2. Why did Solomon say he wrote the poetry book of Ecclesiastes?

Answer: Because he said that there was no peace in the world. Solomon wanted man to know that the only way to have a peaceful life was through God.

3. Name three other books of poetry in the Bible.

Answer: Job, Psalms, and Proverbs

4. What did Solomon mean when he said that all is vanity? (Ecclesiastes 3:2)

Answer: Solomon stated that life is empty and worthless. Parents work day after day, students go to school day after day, people are born and people die. Solomon stated that there is no lasting happiness in the material things of this world.

5. What did Jesus promise the disciples and us today to help with our troubles or problems?

Answer: The answer is PEACE (Read John 20:19). Jesus told the disciples and us today that the Peace He gives us is comforting. He also lets us know that no one can separate us from His love or everlasting Peace.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE

The children are told that the problems and troubles of this world should no longer be a threat to them.

They are told that this doesn't mean that they will not have problems or troubles but because of the PEACE that comes only from God they do not have to worry about them.

Ask children to raise their hand if they can name some of the ways to get Peace from God.

Each child will place their problem or trouble in the box and take out a letter spelling the word peace from the second box. For each letter, each child will tell how they can leave their problems with God and take the letter they pull instead of their trouble.

Examples: P is for PRAYING to God for help

E is for asking their ETERNAL father (God) to take it away

A is for each child ASKING their guardian ANGEL to help them

C is for CALLING on the name of Jesus

E is for EVERLASTING trust in God to handle all problems

Other Examples: Talk about it, Talk to God, Ask Him to help you. Talk to a friend. Get busy. Read a book. Work on a hobby. Help a family member or friend.

Tell student to think good thoughts. That nothing comes from thinking about negative things or bad things.

Worry cannot not stay where the PEACE of God is.

Therefore the problem and trouble box is empty.

Tell the children that God promises us Perfect Peace, if our minds are fixed on Him because we trust in Him to give us that Peace. **(Read Isaiah 26:3 to the children)**

Read Philippians 4:7-9 to the children. Sing verse 3 of "This Is My Father's World"

EXPLAINING THE GOLDEN TEXT

"The same day at evening,....came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you" (John 20:19)

Mary told the disciples that Jesus was alive. They did not believe her. They had no hope or peace. They shut themselves in a room. They were afraid.

Jesus appeared to them. When they saw Him, their fear turned to hope. Jesus changes fear and trouble into hope and peace.

Prayer: Father God, thank you for your Son Jesus, and for the perfect PEACE that we can find only from you. Thank you that all problems and troubles are "vanity" when we turn them over to you. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Activity Handout (Scriptural helps from GALATIANS 5:22-26):

CIRCLE ALL THE CORRECT WORDS:

1. "But the fruit of the Spirit is..." GALATIANS 5:22-23

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| LOVE | ANGER |
| JOY | MEANNESS |
| PEACE | LONGSUFFERING |
| KINDNESS | GOODNESS |
| FAITHFULNESS | SELFISHNESS |
| GENTLENESS | SELF-CONTROL |

TRUE OR FALSE

2. "...Against such there is no law." GALATIANS 5:23

TRUE OR FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

3. "And those who are Christ's have _____ the _____ with its passions and

desires." GALATIANS 5:24

**4. "If we _____ in the Spirit, let us also _____ in the Spirit."
GALATIANS 5:25**

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (GALATIANS 5:22-26)

Crossword Puzzle:

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USTSIRHCOFBYZCAHBCSOSZEOC
QJJWIIAQTVPPFWHKKHUUMKIUM
DSFJVAWJABJYPJSDIUEGCFKVP
CTFNVMBBNSHBGUPQENAFZKBZO
NAOSBBPBRVGDKKIOSIDKLSPAE
WGPZQTERPMERBTRAUEFNUPUA
TZOSSENELTNEGOIWHCVIEOUEY
ISEOYYSBIAUCUITUPNDDCSZFU
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CHRISTS **GOODNESS** **LOVE**
CRUCIFIED **JOY** **PEACE**
FAITHFULNESS **KINDNESS** **SELF CONTROL**
FRUIT **LONGSUFFERING** **SPIRIT**
GENTLENESS

ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK'S LESSON

Next week lesson will look at life and how it relate to time and seasons. We will discuss how God has a plan of each of us and how we must depend on Him to guide us daily.

To prepare for next week's lesson, read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 14-15

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