

UNIT ONE

Lesson Four: God's Law, Part 1

OBJECTIVES:

- Convey the truth that the Bible is God's Word.
- Understand how the Bible came to be.
- Know why the Bible is important in our lives.
- The Bible points us to Jesus, from Genesis through Revelation.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Know that the Law comes from God.
- Know that the Law was written so we know what God wants us to do.
- Know that when we don't keep the Law, we deserve punishment.

Materials Needed:

- A Bible for every student
- Colored pencils or Bible highlighters
- Picture cards: map, stop sign, go sign, seatbelt, traffic ticket, hand showing 1, Tree of Knowledge, newspaper
- Follow-up worksheet: God's Law, need bingo dabbers or blank garage sale stickers

Notes:

- > There are stickers for this lesson: Romans 7:7, Genesis 1:27, Genesis 3:23, Exodus 20:13, Romans 6:23.
- > There are memory-helpers listed at the end of this lesson that can be inserted throughout the lesson.
- > The closing prayer includes prayer requests from the group.

Possible Adaptations:

- Preprint stickers: Romans 7:7, Genesis 1:27, Genesis 3:23, Exodus 20:13, Romans 6:23.
- Preset location of verses in students' Bibles using sticky notes.

LESSON:

Have a Bible available for each student in your class. Encourage them to see it, feel it, write or draw in it, and make it their own during the lesson. The suggested version is NIV.

OPENING PRAYER:

Dear Heavenly Father, help us learn about Your Holy Word. Teach us that the Bible is Your true and only Word; there is nothing else that can take its place. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

NOTES FOR CLASS OR HOME

Name some things God wants us to do:

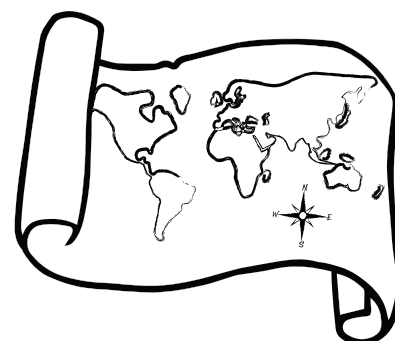
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INTRODUCTION:

Today we will learn that God's Law was written so we know what God wants us to do. God's Law is like a map or a GPS; it gives us directions. (Show picture card of map.) When we don't keep God's Law, we deserve punishment, but the Bible says we are forgiven because of Jesus. We know "God's Word is true!"

Let's talk about driving or traveling. What are some rules about driving or traveling we should follow?

What happens if you do not stop at a stop sign or a red light?

(Show picture card of stop sign.)

Yes, the people in charge want us to use the stop sign when we are driving so we don't hurt others or ourselves.

(Show picture card of seatbelt, traffic ticket.)

In most places, it is the law to wear seatbelts and safety straps. These laws are written to keep people safe. These laws are written so we know what those in charge want us to do. They are not written to be mean. We can either follow these laws and be safe, or we can choose not to follow these laws and risk danger and punishment.

What are seatbelts or safety straps for?

Seatbelts and safety straps are made to keep people safe.

Where might you find seatbelts or safety straps?

Cars, trucks, busses, airplanes, swings, highchairs, wheelchairs, zip lines, bungee jumps, ski lifts, rock climbing, amusement park rides, gliders, parachuting

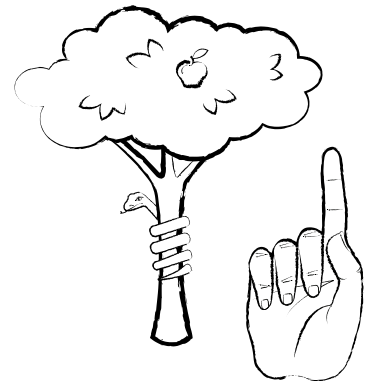
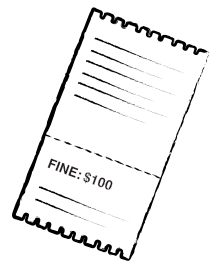
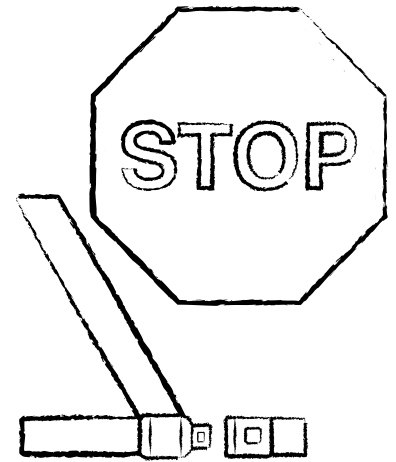
What might happen if you did not use seatbelts or safety straps?

Discussion should include injury and punishment (ticket) in the conversation.

Do you use seatbelts or safety straps? Why or why not?

Discuss. *(Show the picture cards of Hand showing 1 and Tree of Knowledge).*

- **Read & Highlight Genesis 1:27.** God made Adam and Eve to live in the Garden of Eden. God gave them one rule.
- **Read & Highlight Genesis 3:1-3.** God's Law said they shouldn't eat from the Tree of Knowledge or they would die. This Law was not made to be mean; it was a Law to keep them safe. It was a Law that told Adam and Eve what God wanted them to do.
- **Read & Highlight Genesis 3:4-7.** Adam and Eve chose not to follow God's Law.
- **Read & Highlight Genesis 3:23.** God made Adam and Eve leave the Garden of Eden. Because they were no longer in the garden, they had to hunt and raise their own food. Because they were no longer in the garden, they had to work hard to stay alive. Because they were no longer in the garden, they would some day die.

NOTES FOR CLASS OR HOME

Are we supposed to follow God's Law?

- **God's Law** is written throughout the Bible, and we know "God's Word is true!" God's Law is written for us. It is written so we know what God wants us to do.
- **Read & Highlight Exodus 20:13.** God's Law says we should not kill anyone. God tells us what He wants us to do: not murder. God tells us this to keep us safe.

How does this Law keep us (and others) safe?

Discuss.

What might happen if you lied to someone?

Discuss. When we sin and disobey God's Law, we deserve punishment on earth and we deserve punishment from God.

- **Read & Highlight Exodus 20:15.** God's Law says we should not steal. This could mean something big - like someone's money. But it could also mean something small - like someone's candy or dessert.

What might happen to you if you stole something from someone else?

Discuss. When we sin and disobey God's Law, we deserve punishment on earth and we deserve punishment from God.

- **Read & Highlight Romans 6:23.** When we sin, we deserve death; this is Law—but here is the good news! (Show picture card of newspaper.) God also gave us the Gospel! The Gospel is the free gift God gives us. This gift is the gift of forgiveness because of Jesus! Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins. Jesus took our punishment for us! Jesus saves us from the punishment we deserve.

REVIEW

1. God's Law is what God wants us to do.
2. When we break God's Law, we deserve punishment.
3. Jesus died on the cross to save us from our punishment.
(Before praying, take prayer requests from the group.)

CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear God, thank You for the great gift of Your Bible. It helps us learn about You and how You want us to live our lives. Help us remember Your Law so we can know what You want us to do. Thank You for sending Jesus to die on the cross to save us from the punishment we deserve. Today we'd like to pray for *[insert prayer requests here]*. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

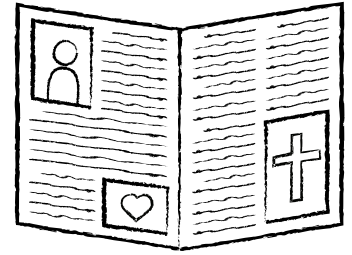
Tune of Thank You

Thank You, for giving me the Bible
Thank You, because I know it's true.
Thank You, for giving me the Bible
I know that it's true.

-or-

John 17:17 Chant:

Your Word (clap, clap)
Is Truth (clap, clap)
John 17 (clap, clap)
17 (clap, clap)

NOTES FOR CLASS OR HOME**PRAYER
REQUESTS**

UNIT ONE

ALTERNATE LESSON

Lesson Four: God's Law, Part 1

OBJECTIVES:

- Convey the truth that the Bible is God's Word.
- Understand that God's Word is true.

LESSON SUMMARY:

Know that God's Law was written so we know what God wants us to do.

Materials Needed:

- Bible, rhythm instruments or noise makers, a green go sign, a red stop sign

If applicable: consider having the original student worksheet available for staff or volunteers who may be assisting the group. It is a good source for background knowledge, especially if questions arise at a later time.

Note: Pre-print the stop and go sign patterns. Print on colored paper, or color stop sign red and go sign green. It may be easier to use during the lesson if printed on a harder stock paper and/or attached to a paint stick to make actual signs.

OPENING PRAYER:

Dear Heavenly Father, help us learn about Your Holy Word, the Bible. Teach us that the Bible is Your true and only Word; there is nothing else that can take its place. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

Today we will learn about God's Law and how it was written so we know what God wants us to do. God's Law is in the Bible, and we know that "God's Word is true!"

LESSON:

(Hand out rhythm instruments or noise makers. Use the stop and go signs to help with statements below.)

This is a go sign. It is green and it says, "Go!" This is a stop sign. It is red and it says, "Stop!"

Let's play a game! When you see the go sign, use your instruments to make a lot of noise. When you see the stop sign, you must stop making the noise. *(Play this game several times.)*

(Use stop sign to help with the statements below.)

Let's think about this stop sign. Where have you seen this sign before? Yes!—there are stop signs on our streets. Stop signs keep us safe when we are driving. Stop signs tell us what to do; they say, "Stop!"

What might happen if we didn't have stop signs on the roads and we were allowed to just drive anywhere or at any time we wanted to drive? Yes!—we might crash into other cars. Sometimes people are in a hurry. Sometimes people want to go first. Sometimes people are driving but thinking about other things. If we didn't have stop signs, there could be a lot of accidents. God wrote the Law in the Bible. God's Law was written so we know what God wants us to do. God is not being mean by giving us rules. God is giving us rules to help us live the lives God wants us to live. Let's use our instruments (or hands) to learn about God's Law.

God's Law (clap,clap)

Was written (clap, clap)

So we know (clap, clap)

What to do (clap, clap)

CLOSING PRAYER: *(Before praying, take prayer requests from the group.)*

Dear God, thank You for the great gift of Your Bible. It helps us learn about You and how You want us to live our lives. We know the Bible is true; thank You! Today we'd like to pray for *[insert prayer requests here]*. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.