



**HOPEWELL MB CHURCH
VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
OVERVIEW STUDY GUIDE**

The following information is provided for participants who wish to study the lesson beforehand. The study materials are part of the **International Sunday School Lesson**, excerpted from the **Union Gospel Press Sunday School book**.

Classes will be held each Sunday Morning @ 8:30, prior to regular Sunday Morning Worship Service. Please join us in person for an in-depth discussion. All lesson discussion material will be taken from the Adult Bible class Sunday School book (please see **Youth Corner** for all other versions).

In order to gain a better understanding of the lesson, it is recommended that, prior to each lesson, participants read through the **Lesson Text, Related Scriptures, Daily Bible Reading** scriptures (each day), try to answer the **Discussion Questions**, and make a note of any additional questions you may have. Prayer and meditation are always essential in gaining a better understanding of God's Word and its relevance to your life and situation.

April 2024

UNIT II: Confirmed by Mighty Miracles

All lessons this month will focus on how Jesus' deity is confirmed by His miraculous works

WEEK 1-Jesus' First Miracle: This lesson identifies the purpose for all of Jesus' miracles

WEEK 2- Jesus' Authority Over Demons: In this lesson highlights the spiritual warfare that surrounded Jesus' ministry

WEEK 3- Healing On the Sabbath: This lesson highlights the rejection Jesus received from the Scribes and the Pharisees

WEEK 4- Jesus' Mighty Power: This lesson shows the disciples' response after witnessing Jesus' power over nature

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DATE OF LESSON: April 7, 2024

LESSON TITLE: Jesus' First Miracle

LESSON TEXT: John 2:1-12

RELATED SCRIPTURES: John 1:35-51; 20:26-31

GOLDEN TEXT: *"This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him"* (John 2:11)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week's discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In which town do we find Jesus and His disciples on this occasion, and who was already there (John 2:1)?
2. What does Jesus' attendance of the wedding tell us about Him?
3. Why was the shortage of wine of such momentous concern?
4. Who was the person who reported the problem to Jesus, and why might it have been of special concern to her?
5. How did Mary respond to what Jesus said to her?
6. Why did the servants' obedience to Jesus' instructions require faith?
7. What was the response of the master of ceremonies when he tasted the wine?
8. What does John indicate was the purpose of Jesus' miracles (cf 20:30-31)?
9. How does the miracle of Cana fit into that purpose?
10. What response came from the disciples of Jesus? What response should come from us?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- Jesus Gains Followers (John 1:35-42)

T- More Follow Jesus (John 1:43-51)

W- A Roman Official Believes (John 4:46-54)

Th- A Blind Man Sees and Believes (John 9:1-7, 35-38)

F- The Purpose of Signs (John 20:26-31)

Sa- Disciples Affirm Their Faith (John 6:66-69)

Su- Water Turned To Wine (John 2:1-12)

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We will not have in-person class today. Morning Worship Service will begin at 9:00 a.m.

DATE OF LESSON: April 14, 2024

LESSON TITLE: Jesus' Authority Over Demons

LESSON TEXT: Mark 9:14-29

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Matthew 17:14-21; Luke 9:37-42; Mark 5:1-13; Acts 8:3-8

GOLDEN TEXT: *"Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth"* (Mark 9:23)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week's discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did Jesus and the three disciples encounter when they came down the mountain?
2. What happened when Jesus asked the scribes what they were discussing with His disciples?
3. How did the father describe his son's actions, and to what did he attribute it?
4. What exasperated Jesus about the whole situation?
5. What happened when the boy first saw Jesus?
6. What seemed to have happened to the father's faith? Why?
7. How do we hear this in his request to Jesus (Mark 9:22)?
8. Why did Jesus say "if thou canst believe" to the father (v. 23)?
9. What happened when Jesus commanded the demon to leave?
10. How did Jesus explain the disciples' inability to succeed?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- Authority Given To The Twelve (Matthew 10:1-15)

T- Sent Two by Two (Mark 6:7-13)

W- The Seventy Are Sent And Return (Luke 10:1, 17-20)

Th- A Demoniac By The Sea of Galilee (Mark 5:1-13)

F- Go and Proclaim (Matthew 28:18-20)

Sa- Phillip Casts Out Unclean Spirits (Acts 8:4-8)

Su-Unclean Spirit Departs At Jesus' Command (Mark 9:14-29)

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DATE OF LESSON: April 21, 2024

LESSON TITLE: Healing On The Sabbath

LESSON TEXT: Luke 6:1-11

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Deuteronomy 5:12-15; I Samuel 21:1-6; Luke 13:10-17

GOLDEN TEXT: *“And he said unto them, That the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath ”*
(Luke 6:5)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week’s discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What might lead us to believe that the walk through the grain field was short one?
2. Why did the Pharisees think Jesus’ disciples were breaking the Sabbath law?
3. Did Jesus and His disciples actually violate God’s Sabbath law? Explain.
4. What was Jesus’ point in citing the example of David and the tabernacle bread?
5. Who is the Lord of the Sabbath, and what does that mean?
6. Why did Jesus not wait until after the Sabbath to heal the man with withered hand?
7. Why were the Pharisees in Galilee?
8. How was Jesus keeping the Sabbath for good while the scribes and the Pharisees were keeping it for evil?
9. What principle about obedience did Jesus teach through His question to the scribes and Pharisees?
10. How is Jesus’ Sabbath restoration of what was broken a picture of what is to come?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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M- Observing the Sabbath (Deuteronomy 5:12-15)

T- David Given Consecrated Bread (I Samuel 21:1-6)

W- Disabled Man Healed on the Sabbath (John 5:1-16)

Th- Sabbath Made for Man (Mark 2:23-28)

F- Compassion, Not Sacrifice (Matthew 12:1-8)

Sa- Opponents Humiliated (Luke 13:10-17)

Su- Lord of the Sabbath (Luke 6:1-11)

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DATE OF LESSON: April 28, 2024

LESSON TITLE: Jesus' Mighty Power

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 14:22-36

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Matthew 8:23-27; Luke 8:22-25; Matthew 9:27-31, 35

GOLDEN TEXT: *"When they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God "* (Matthew 14:32-33)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the focus of Jesus' ministry at this time?
2. Why did Jesus send the disciples ahead of Him?
3. Why can we say that the disciples were not really in danger?
4. Why were the disciples frightened when they saw Jesus approaching the boat?
5. What request did Peter make of Jesus? How did Jesus respond?
6. In what sense was Peter's faith "little" (Matthew 14:31)?
7. What happened as soon as Jesus and Peter reached the boat?
8. How did the disciples respond to what they had witnessed on the sea?
9. Who did the disciples proclaim Jesus to be?
10. How did the people of Gennesaret respond to Jesus' arrival there?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- Jesus Calms the Sea (Matthew 8:23-27)

T- Power Over Demons (Mark 1:21-28)

W- Power Over Living Things (Mark 11:12-23)

Th- Power Over the Waves (Luke 8:22-25)

F- Undeniable Power (Matthew 9:27-35)

Sa- Power Over the Wind (Mark 6:45-51)

Su- Jesus Walks on the Sea (Matthew 14:22-36)