

Bible Nuggets

from A to Z

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Introduction

Bible Nuggets from A to Z provides thirty-four Bible lessons. Each lesson is designed to be taught for an entire week. One Bible story should be read every day for a week. As your child becomes more familiar with the story as the week goes on, begin to ask the questions that are provided at the end of each story.

A Bible verse for memorization is provided with each week's Bible story. Instructors are encouraged to use as many hand motions as possible when memorizing these verses, as hand motions give the student something physical to connect to the words. If you wish to learn some sign language to use with the verses, a good website to use is aslpro.com. Scroll down to the "Religious Dictionary".

As students continue to hear each Bible story and verse multiple times, they should become quite familiar with both by the end of each week.

This Bible story book follows an A to Z format. It begins with two lessons that

explain the power of the Lord Jesus Christ. These first two lessons emphasize who the Lord Jesus is. Lessons three and following take on an A to Z format, beginning with A is for Adam. Lessons 14 and 25 leave the A to Z format for one week each in order to emphasize the Christmas and Easter stories, respectively. Therefore, lesson thirty is Z is for Zacchaeus. The final four lessons were chosen to emphasize obedience to parents, obedience to God, God's love for little children, and God's power and plan for His people.

Teacher hints are provided in the yellow box at the end of each lesson. The companion *Bible Nuggets Activity Book* includes crafts and activities that will help children remember the lesson.

Although this Bible story book does stand alone, it also works well with the rest of Christian Liberty's preschool program materials. This book is designed to complement the Christian Liberty Preschool program.

Lesson One

Jesus Tells the Storm to Stop

Matthew 8:23–27

One day, Jesus and His disciples got into a boat. They took the boat out into the sea because they wanted to get to the other side of the sea. While they were in the boat, Jesus fell asleep. While Jesus was sleeping, a huge storm came up. Waves were crashing over the boat, and the wind was blowing very strongly. The disciples were afraid. They woke Jesus up and asked Him to save them. They thought they were going to die.

Jesus asked His disciples, “Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?” Then Jesus stood up and told the wind and the sea to be quiet. The wind and the sea obeyed, and the storm stopped. There was a great calm over the sea.

Jesus’ disciples were amazed. They asked each other, “Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”

Memory Verse

Even the winds and the sea obey Him.

-Matthew 8:27b

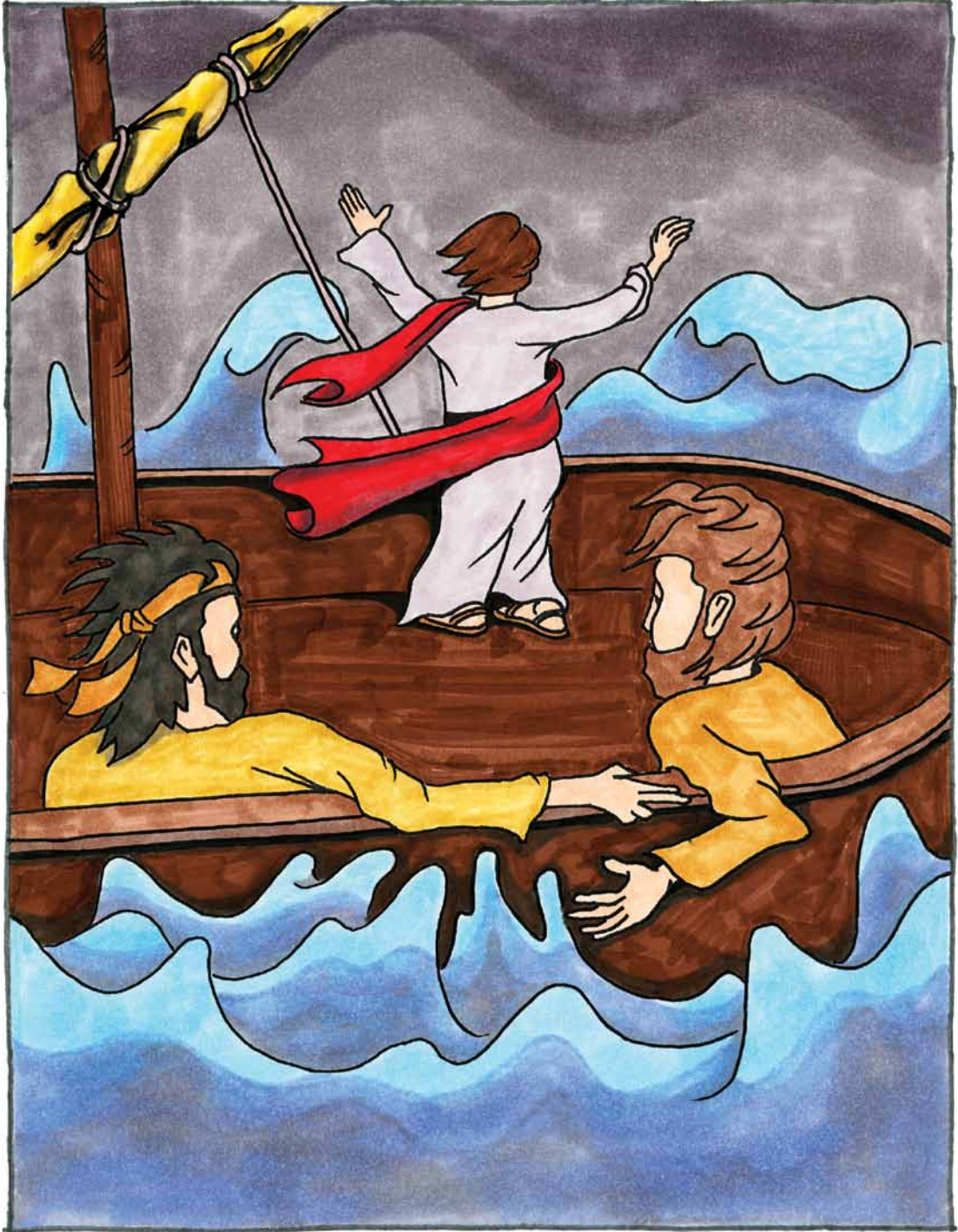
Questions:

- 1) What was Jesus doing when the storm came?
- 2) What did the disciples think was going to happen to them?
- 3) What did Jesus say to the winds and the waves?

Lesson One: Jesus Tells the Storm to Stop

Emphasize that Jesus is the Lord of all creation. Everything in creation obeys Jesus, even the winds and the seas. The disciples saw the power of Jesus

when He told the wind and the sea to obey Him. Jesus Christ is in control of the whole world.



Lesson Fifteen

Daniel in the Lions' Den

Daniel 6

Daniel was a man who honored God. He was an Israelite who had been taken from his home. For many years he lived in a faraway country. Now he was living under people who were called the Medes and the Persians. God helped Daniel no matter where he lived.

Darius was the king of the Medes and Persians. He had a lot of governors and people to help him rule. Daniel was one of the helpers, and Darius liked Daniel. He even thought about letting Daniel be in control of his whole kingdom.

Darius' other helpers were jealous of Daniel. They didn't want him to rule over them. They tried to find Daniel doing something wrong so they could tell the king. But the only thing they found out about Daniel was that he was faithful to God. Daniel was so faithful that he prayed three times a day to God. The other helpers decided to get Daniel in trouble because he prayed to God.

They told King Darius that he should make a new law. The law would say that no one could pray to anyone except Darius for thirty days. Whoever disobeyed would be thrown into a den of lions. Darius said that he liked the idea. So the new law

was made. Daniel did not stop praying to God. He prayed three times a day like he always did. Darius' other helpers were watching. They went and told the king that Daniel had disobeyed.

King Darius was very upset. He did not want to put Daniel in the lions' den. But he had made the law. So Daniel was thrown into the lions' den. Before he threw Daniel in, Darius said that Daniel's God would save him from the lions. And he was right. When men came the next morning, Daniel was alive. God had sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths. They could not eat Daniel. King Darius was glad that Daniel was alive. He took Daniel out of the lions' den. Then he threw his other bad helpers into the lions' den. Darius told all his people to worship God instead of him.

Memory Verse

Let us Love one another, for Love is of God.

1 John 4:7a

Questions:

- 1) What was the name of the king who liked Daniel?
- 2) What did Daniel do three times a day?
- 3) What happened to the bad helpers at the end of the story?

Lesson Fifteen: Daniel in the Lions' Den

Emphasize praying to God at all times. Daniel was a good helper because he obeyed God. Even when the king made a bad law, Daniel obeyed God. He prayed

to God. And God saved him from the lions. Talk about how God protects the people who obey Him.



Lesson Thirty-one

Elisha and the Oil

II Kings 4:1–7

Elisha was a great prophet of God. God gave him the ability to perform miracles. One day, a woman came to talk to Elisha. The woman's husband had died. Now the woman owed another man a lot of money. If the woman could not pay, then the man would come and take her two sons away from her. The woman had nothing except a small jar of oil in her house.

Elisha told the woman to gather as many empty pots and jars as she could. When she had done that, she was supposed to pour her jar of oil into the empty pots. The woman agreed to do that. Her sons obeyed her and agreed too. They gathered all the empty pots they could find. Then they went into their house and closed the door. The boys' mother started to pour her oil into the empty pots. The oil did not stop coming. She poured more and more oil into all the empty pots. When she needed another empty jar, her sons brought one to her. Soon, all the empty pots and jars were full. The woman and her sons sold the jars and pots of oil. With the money, they paid their debt. The boys were allowed to stay with their mother.

Memory Verse

Children, obey your parents in the Lord,
for this is right.

Ephesians 6:1

Questions:

- 1) What was the name of God's prophet?
- 2) Why was a man going to take the woman's sons?
- 3) What happened to the little jar of oil?

Lesson Thirty-one: Elisha and the Oil

Emphasize obedience. Elisha obeyed God. The woman obeyed Elisha. The boys obeyed their mother. When we learn to obey our parents, we are learning to obey God.



Lesson Thirty-four

Peter's Mission

Acts 12:1–19

After Jesus went up to heaven, His disciples were left on earth to tell other people about Him. But a lot of people did not want the disciples to tell people about Jesus. A king named Herod arrested one of Jesus' disciples, James. Herod killed James. Then he arrested another disciple, Peter. He was going to have Peter killed, but God still had a job for Peter.

Peter was kept in prison. He had a lot of guards watching him. But he also had a lot of friends praying for his safety. The night before he was supposed to be killed, Peter was asleep in jail. He was chained to two soldiers who were watching him. More guards were outside. But an angel of the Lord came to Peter. The angel told Peter to get up. The chains fell off Peter's hands.

Peter followed the angel out of the jail. He thought he was dreaming or seeing a vision. The angel took Peter past all the guards. None of the guards noticed their prisoner escaping. The angel took Peter to the gates of the jail. The gates opened all by themselves. The angel led Peter out onto the street. Then the angel disappeared. That was

when Peter knew that this was real. The Lord had freed him.

Peter quickly went to where he knew his friends were. They were still praying for him. When he knocked at the house, a girl answered. She was so excited that she forgot to open the door. Instead she ran to find everyone else in the house. The other people did not believe her. But Peter kept knocking until they let him in. All of the people praised God for saving Peter.

Herod was very upset when he found out that Peter was gone. He had had a plan for Peter. But God's plan was bigger. He protected Peter so that Peter could do more work for Him. Peter went on to tell many people about Jesus.

Memory Verse

I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.

Psalm 91:15b

Questions:

- 1) What did Herod do to James that he also wanted to do to Peter?
- 2) What happened when Peter came to the gates of the jail?
- 3) What did the girl who answered the door forget to do?

Lesson Thirty-four: Peter's Mission

Emphasize God's plans and protection for His people. Peter was protected because he loved the Lord and because the Lord had plans for him. The Lord always knows what is best, even if we do not understand. The Lord protects His people from the wicked. The

Lord loves those who love Him. He will not let His people be destroyed by the wicked. It was time for James to go home to be with Jesus. But Peter still had a job to do on earth. Talk about what plans Jesus might have for your life.

