

Connect Infants B1

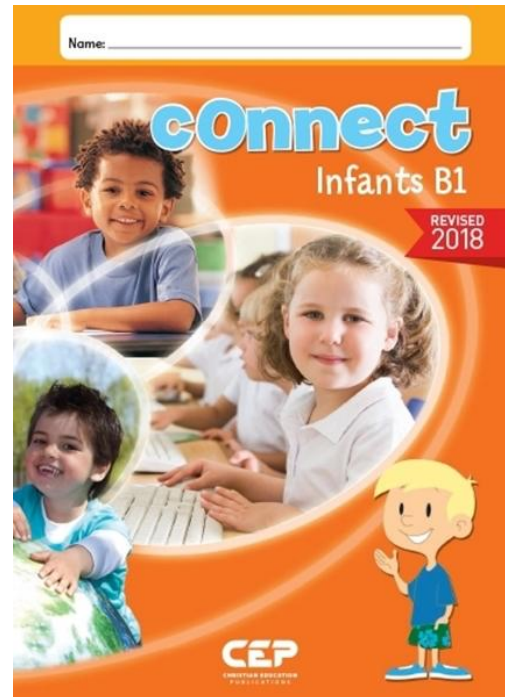
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Lesson aims and outcomes

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For 4 to 6 year olds

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Aim of Connect

“The overriding aim of this curriculum is to present the heart of God’s message of salvation in a clear and attractive manner. It could be helpful to think beyond the immediate lesson to ways interested students can be encouraged to explore church-run children’s and youth activities, so they can experience Christian community and learn more about the Christian faith.”

Lesson 1

Lesson aim	To help students to understand that the Bible teaches that Jesus is the promised Saviour King, the Messiah.
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Lesson outcomes	<p>Students will learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• God’s promise to Zechariah and Elizabeth• God’s promise to Mary and how it fulfilled Old Testament prophecies. <p>Students will learn to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• see what it looks like for God to keep his promises• understand that the Bible teaches that nothing is impossible with God.
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Lesson 2

Lesson aim To help students to understand that the Bible teaches that Jesus was both human and God's powerful Son.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- how Jesus grew from a baby to an adult, just like they will
- how Jesus loved to learn about his Father from the Scriptures.

Students will learn to:

- understand that Jesus was taught about God by others and grew in wisdom
- discover more about Jesus from people who teach us from the Bible.

Lesson 3

Lesson aim To help students understand that the Bible teaches that Jesus was God's chosen King who came to save his people.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- how Jesus fulfilled God's promises in the Old Testament about the ministry of the Messiah.

Students will learn to:

- appreciate that the Bible says that people need to put their trust in Jesus as the King in order to live as God's friends
- see what it looks like for someone to consider where they might stand with God.

Lesson 4

Lesson aim To help students to understand that Jesus' demonstration of God's power resulted in some people following him.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- Jesus and the fishermen
- how Jesus still calls people to follow him.

Students will learn to:

- appreciate that Simon Peter began to understand that Jesus was the Son of God
- develop an understanding of what Jesus meant when he told Simon Peter that he would bring in people instead of fish.

Lesson 5

Lesson aim To help students to understand that Jesus demonstrated that he is God's Son through his power to forgive and heal.

Lesson outcomes **Students will learn about:**

- people who were interested in what Jesus said and did
- how Jesus knew that the man needed more than physical healing.

Students will learn to:

- explore some of the emotions of people in a Bible story
- begin to develop a basic understanding of the meaning of forgiveness.

Lesson 6

Lesson aim To help students recognise that the Bible shows that Jesus, God's Son, demonstrated his power over nature.

Lesson outcomes **Students will learn about:**

- how Jesus was able to calm a storm
- how this event helped the disciples to see that Jesus had God's power.

Students will learn to:

- recognise that this was an amazing demonstration of God's power
- explain why Jesus was able to stop the storm.

Lesson 7

Lesson aim To help students to understand that the Bible shows that Jesus has God's power and authority.

Lesson outcomes **Students will learn about:**

- two occasions where Jesus brought dead people back to life
- how Jesus could only do this because he is God's Son.

Students will learn to:

- appreciate that the Bible shows how Jesus' power over death is proof that he is God's Son
- understand that Jesus wants people to trust him just as the people in this lesson did.

Lesson 8

Lesson aim To help students to understand that Jesus knew that he had to go through some difficult experiences so that people could be friends with God.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- how the Bible tells us that Jesus knew he would be hurt and die.

Students will learn to:

- understand that the Bible says Jesus was able to perform miracles because he had God's power
- see why the Bible indicates that Jesus was no ordinary king.

Lesson 9

Lesson aim To help students to understand that Jesus chose to be obedient to God's plan for him.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- the events in the garden of Gethsemane
- how the Bible says that Jesus willingly died for people.

Students will learn to:

- understand that Jesus died because he loves us
- appreciate that the Bible explains that all who trust in Jesus have forgiveness for their sins.

Lesson 10

Lesson aim To help students understand what the Bible says about how Jesus was able to overcome death because he is God's powerful Son.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- the events surrounding Jesus' resurrection and ascension
- the Bible's description of how Jesus defeated death with God's power.

Students will learn to:

- recognise the Bible's teaching that Jesus' resurrection makes it possible for people to be friends with God and have eternal life
- see that Christians believe that Jesus' resurrection is one of many signs that demonstrate he is God's Son.

Lesson 11

Lesson aim To help students to understand the context of God's big promises to Abraham.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- God's solutions to the world's problems
- how the Bible shows that God never stops loving his people.

Students will learn to:

- say the Memory Verse, which reminds them that God can be trusted
- recall events from the Old Testament taught in the previous cycle.

Lesson 12

Lesson aim To introduce students to the idea that God keeps his promises.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- the promises God made to Abraham
- Abraham's faithful response.

Students will learn to:

- understand the difference between promises made by God and promises made by people
- begin to develop an understanding of how the Bible shows that God can do anything.

Lesson 13

Lesson aim Lesson aim: To help students to understand that the Bible shows that God keeps his promises.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- how God kept his promise of a son to Abraham and Sarah
- how the promise of a son contained the promise that Jesus would be a descendant of Abraham.

Students will learn to:

- list the three things God promised Abraham
- retell the story, using clues from the sound story.

Lesson 14

Lesson aim To help students understand that the Bible shows that God can always be trusted, and that he chooses people to play a special part in his plan.

Lesson outcomes **Students will learn about:**

- how God used Abraham's servant's request for guidance to provide a wife for Isaac
- how Rebekah responded to the call to leave her home and follow God's commands.

Students will learn to:

- appreciate the Bible's accounts of God's work in the lives of ordinary people
- see how God's plans were worked out through the obedience of Abraham's servant and Rebekah
- consider why Christians believe they can trust God in all situations.

Lesson 15

Lesson aim To help students to understand that God's promises to Abraham were fulfilled over time.

Lesson outcomes **Students will learn about:**

- how God's promise to Abraham continued through successive generations
- the history of God's people, which was far from smooth.

Students will learn to:

- appreciate that God uses ordinary people in his plan
- understand how people today are part of Abraham's family.

Lesson 16

Lesson aim To help students to understand that people cannot get in the way of God's promises.

Lesson outcomes **Students will learn about:**

- how Jacob deceived his father
- people, who are sinful and selfish, and God, whose promises hold fast.

Students will learn to:

- say a new Memory Verse [I am the Lord God, and I will be there to help you wherever you go]
- state how Rebekah and Jacob were deceitful and why.

Lesson 17

Lesson aim To help students to understand from the Bible that even when things go wrong, God keeps his promises.

Lesson outcomes **Students will learn about:**

- Joseph and the reason for his unpopularity with his brothers
- how God uses imperfect people to carry out his plan.

Students will learn to:

- say the Memory Verse
- realise that God's promise is not only for people in biblical times, but for people today.

Lesson 18

Lesson aim To help students to understand how God was continuing to work out his plan for the family of Abraham.

Lesson outcomes **Students will learn about:**

- how even when bad things happen, God is always with his people to help them
- the chain of events in Joseph's life.

Students will learn to:

- state that the Bible shows that God was with Joseph to help him wherever he went
- give a simple recount of Joseph's time in Egypt.

Lesson 19

Lesson aim To help students to understand how the Bible shows that God is faithful to his people and always keeps his promises.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- how Joseph and his family were reunited
- how, when all seemed doomed, God's chosen family was retained.

Students will learn to:

- recall that God promises his people, 'I will be there to help you wherever you go'
- state what the Bible says about how God kept those promises.

Lesson 20

Lesson aim For students to learn that Jesus' followers serve him even when it is not easy.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- the way God has been active in Mal Heap's life
- how God looks after those who love him.

Students will learn to:

- see what it looks like for Christians to give their worries to God
- understand that Christians believe that God wants them to put his work first.

Lesson: Easter Assembly

Lesson aim To help students understand that the Bible shows that Jesus was able to overcome death because he is God's powerful Son.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- the events of the death and resurrection of Jesus
- how the Bible teaches that Jesus has God's power.

Students will learn to:

- consider different responses to the Easter story.

Lesson: Special Lesson

Lesson aim To help students to understand that it is possible for anyone to put their trust in God.

Lesson
outcomes

Students will learn about:

- how the Bible explains that God never changes
- how God has promised in the Bible to be with those who trust in him, loving, protecting and caring for them.

Students will learn to:

- identify some changes in their own lives
- recite a simple action rhyme to remind them of God's love for all people.