

Connect Lower Primary B1

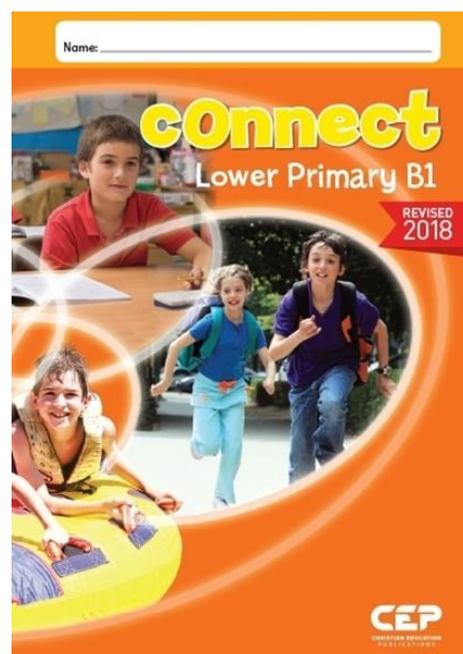
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Lesson aims and outcomes

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For 7 to 9 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 introduce the teacher to the class, as well as introduce students to Jesus, the baby who grew up to be a man who died on the cross for people’s sins.
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Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- the context surrounding Jesus’ and John’s births
- what Simeon said about Jesus saving his people.

Students will learn to:

- ask the question, ‘Who is Jesus?’
- read the Bible in order to discover more about Jesus.

Lesson 2

Lesson aim To show students that Jesus recognised that he was God's Son, even as a child.

Lesson outcomes **Students will learn about:**

- Jesus, as he grew from a child into a man
- how Jesus demonstrated wisdom and knowledge when speaking to the teachers in the temple.

Students will learn to:

- recognise that God is Jesus' heavenly Father
- begin to understand why Christians call God their heavenly Father too.

Lesson 3

Lesson aim To help students to understand that Jesus fulfils promises from the Old Testament. He came to rescue people from their sins.

Lesson outcomes **Students will learn about:**

- what the Old Testament says about the one God would send
- the events in the synagogue after Jesus read from the book of Isaiah the prophet.

Students will learn to:

- recognise what the Bible says about Jesus being the fulfilment of God's promises
- see what it looks like to personally trust God's promises.

Lesson 4

Lesson aim To help students understand that the Bible explains that when people encounter Jesus, they are made aware of their sinfulness and this enables them to repent and come into a relationship with God.

Lesson outcomes **Students will learn about:**

- what happened when Jesus told Peter to row the boat out to the deep water and let down the nets
- Simon Peter's confession of being a sinner, and what this means.

Students will learn to:

- know what it means to recognise that Jesus performed miracles only God could do
- see what it looks like to trust and follow Jesus in the same way Peter did.

Lesson 5

Lesson aim To show students that the Bible teaches that Jesus has God's power to heal and forgive sinful people.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- the Pharisees and the experts in the Law of Moses
- how Jesus healed a man who was crippled.

Students will learn to:

- understand that God gave Jesus power to heal
- recognise that Jesus is able to forgive sins because he is God.

Lesson 6

Lesson aim To show students the Bible's account of how God gave Jesus power so that he could control the weather.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- Jesus' power over nature.

Students will learn to:

- see evidence in the Bible of God's control of the weather
- recognise how the Bible shows that Jesus demonstrated God's power over the wind and the waves.

Lesson 7

Lesson aim To help students see how the Bible shows that Jesus has power over death and disease.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- how Jesus healed the bleeding woman and raised the dead girl to life
- the woman's and Jairus' faith in Jesus.

Students will learn to:

- know what it looks like for people to have faith in Jesus now
- understand why Christians are thankful for the gift of eternal life.

Lesson 8

Lesson aim To show students how the Bible tells that Jesus has God's power to know the future.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- how the Bible describes Jesus fulfilling God's promises
- what Jesus said would happen to him when he arrived in Jerusalem.

Students will learn to:

- define the word 'Messiah'
- know what it looks like to be thankful for Jesus' sacrifice on the cross to save people from the consequences of sin.

Lesson 9

Lesson aim To help students to understand the Bible shows us that Jesus chose to go to the cross for sinful people and that this shows that he has power over life and death.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- Jesus' prayer on the Mount of Olives
- Jesus' arrest and how he healed the servant of the high priest.

Students will learn to:

- understand what it means for God's will to be done
- recognise Jesus' power to choose to die to rescue people from their sins.

Lesson 10

Lesson aim To help students to understand that the Bible says that Jesus chose to go to the cross for sinful people and that he rose from the dead.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- the events surrounding Jesus' resurrection
- what it means for Jesus' followers to rise from the dead.

Students will learn to:

- understand that Jesus' death and resurrection secures eternal life for those who trust and follow him.

Lesson 11

Lesson aim To show students how the Bible explains that God is gracious and kind, even though people always want to live their own way.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- the sin, consequences, grace pattern in Genesis 1–11
- How the Bible describes God’s grace and kindness.

Students will learn to:

- define sin, consequences and grace
- see that God loves people.

Lesson 12

Lesson aim For students to know God’s big promises to Abraham, and to understand that Abraham trusted God’s promises, and that people today can too.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- God’s big promises to Abraham
- how Abraham trusted God and started out on a journey.

Students will learn to:

- see what it looks like to follow Abraham’s example as he trusted God’s promises.

Lesson 13

Lesson aim To help students see how the Bible shows that God’s character is trustworthy and good.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- God’s promise to Abraham and Sarah that they would have a son
- how God fulfils his promises.

Students will learn to:

- recognise which of God’s promises to Abraham was being fulfilled
- see that the Bible teaches that God is trustworthy and good.

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 the Bible shows that God uses a range of people to fulfil his promises, even those who are not perfect.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- the births of Esau and Jacob, Isaac's sons
- how God can choose to fulfil his plans through seemingly unimpressive people.

Students will learn to:

- see Esau's example as a warning against ignoring and trivialising God's promises
- recognise that the Bible indicates that they are precious to God just the way they are and can trust his promises.

Lesson 16

Lesson aim To show students how the Bible explains that God is trustworthy and in control.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- how Rebekah and Jacob deceived Isaac
- the meaning of blessing in the Bible.

Students will learn to:

- know what it looks like to trust that God is in control
- see from the Bible how God keeps his promises, even when people take matters into their own hands

Lesson 17

Lesson aim To help students to understand that God can be trusted, even in life's difficult circumstances, for he loved the world so much that he sent Jesus to die for people's sins.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- Joseph's dreams and how he was sold into slavery by his brothers
- how God was beginning to fulfil his promise to Abraham of a large family.

Students will learn to:

- look to Joseph as an example of someone who trusted God in difficult circumstances
- know what to pray when they face their own difficult circumstances.

Lesson 18

Lesson aim To show students what form blessing can take: that just as the world came to Joseph and was saved from the famine, the Bible says that we can come to Jesus and be saved from our sins.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- which promises to Abraham were being fulfilled
- Joseph's ability to interpret dreams for the King of Egypt.

Students will learn to:

- see how the Bible shows that God keeps his promises and understand that God's promises also point forward to Jesus.

Lesson 19

Lesson aim To help students to understand from the Bible that God keeps his promises and this was most clearly seen when he sent Jesus to die on the cross to pay for people's sin and bring eternal life to those who trust and follow him.

Lesson outcomes **Students will learn about:**

- Joseph's reunion with his brothers and father
- which of God's promises were being fulfilled up to this point.

Students will learn to:

- know what it looks like for them to trust in God's promises.

Lesson 20

Lesson aim To help students to understand that anyone can talk to God in prayer, just as members of Mothers' Union (MU) continually do.

Lesson outcomes **Students will learn about:**

- the activities of MU
- the prayers that members of MU pray.

Students will learn to:

- understand that God gives everyone skills and talents
- appreciate that they can use their skills for God.

Lesson: Easter Assembly

Lesson aim To help students to understand why 'Good Friday' is good.

Lesson outcomes **Students will learn about:**

- how Jesus died on the cross and why this was good
- how Jesus rose to life again.

Students will learn to:

- understand that the Bible teaches that by trusting in Jesus' death and resurrection people can live with God forever.

Lesson: Special Lesson

Lesson aim To help students to understand that they can put their trust in God as they face physical, emotional and social changes.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- how they have changed in the last five years
- some of the changes they may face in the future.

Students will learn to:

- identify that some changes can be exciting while others can be scary or challenging
- appreciate that they can have courage to face the future, and the changes that accompany it, because God cares for them.