

Connect Upper Primary B1

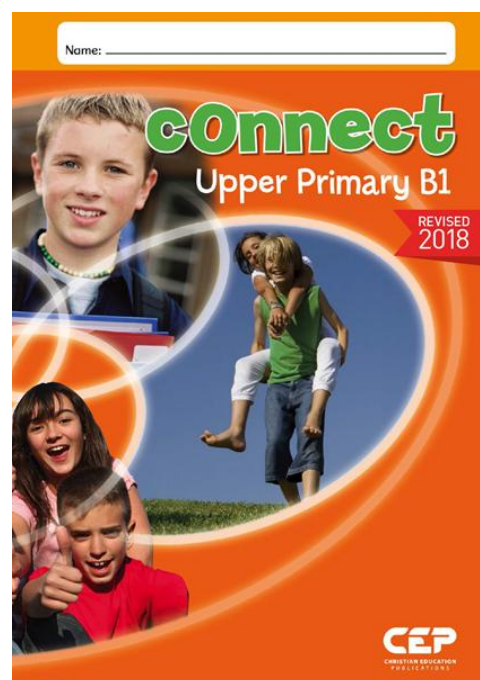
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Lesson aims and outcomes

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For 10 to 12 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 the unique circumstances surrounding the births of John and Jesus, and distinguish their different and important roles in God’s plan.
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Lesson outcomes	<p>Students will learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the unusual births of John the Baptist and Jesus• the future roles that John and Jesus were born to play. <p>Students will learn to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• recognise there is something unique about Jesus• look forward to learning about Jesus this term.
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Lesson 2

Lesson aim To help students to understand from the Bible that John prepared the way for Jesus's arrival by preaching repentance for the forgiveness of sins

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- how John the Baptist prepared people for Jesus' arrival
- what John meant by telling people to repent, that is, to turn back to God.

Students will learn to:

- understand that true repentance is shown in actions
- consider what being 'fruitful' looks like.

Lesson 3

Lesson aim To help students to understand how the Bible shows that Jesus is the one God promised to send to his people and that while some accept him, others reject him.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- Jesus' teaching in the synagogue in Nazareth
- the rejection of Jesus by the people of Nazareth.

Students will learn to:

- reflect on the two possible responses to Jesus - rejection or acceptance
- consider carefully who Jesus claims to be.

Lesson 4

Lesson aim To help students to understand what the Bible says about humanity's sinfulness and the perfection of Jesus

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- the miraculous catch of fish
- God's perfection

Students will learn to:

- recognise that Jesus had God's power over creation
- realise that no-one is perfect except God.

Lesson 5

Lesson aim To help students to understand that the Bible explains how Jesus has the authority to forgive sins.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- how Jesus healed a crippled man
- how the Bible shows that Jesus has the authority to forgive sins.

Students will learn to:

- identify that the Bible emphasises that Jesus is God.

Lesson 6

Lesson aim To help students to understand from the Bible how powerful Jesus is—that he can calm the wildest storms.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- how Jesus calmed a storm
- how Jesus' disciples responded to him.

Students will learn to:

- recognise from the Bible how powerful Jesus is
- begin to see that the Bible describes Jesus as God.

Lesson 7

Lesson aim To help students to develop their understanding of what faith in Jesus looks like.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- how Jesus healed a sick woman
- how Jesus raised a dead girl to life.

Students will learn to:

- acknowledge that faith involves both believing and acting on that belief
- understand that anyone can put their faith in Jesus.

Lesson 8

Lesson aim To help students to understand that the Bible says that Jesus' miracles point to who he is and what he came to do—die and rise again to save people from their sin!

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- how Peter recognised that Jesus was God's promised King
- how Jesus had to suffer, die and rise again because he is the Messiah.

Students will learn to:

- acknowledge that Jesus' miracles point to who he is and what he came to do
- recognise that the Bible says that Jesus came to die on the cross and rose again to save people from their sin.

Lesson 9

Lesson aim To help students to understand that the Bible explains that Jesus chose to die on the cross and rise again because he loves us.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane
- Jesus' betrayal by Judas and subsequent arrest.

Students will learn to:

- understand that Jesus didn't have to die on the cross but chose to, so that people's sins can be forgiven
- recognise that the Bible says that Jesus died in the place of sinners.

Lesson 10

Lesson aim To help students to understand from the Bible that death could not hold Jesus down; Jesus is more powerful than death. He is the *Super Saviour!*

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- Jesus' resurrection
- Jesus' ascension into heaven.

Students will learn to:

- acknowledge that the Bible says that Jesus is alive today
- understand the evidence that the Bible gives to show that Jesus rose from the dead.

Lesson 11

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

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- the sin → consequences → grace cycle in Genesis 1–11
- the unfinished cycle in Genesis 11.

Students will learn to:

- anticipate the display of God's grace in his promises to Abraham.

Lesson 12

Lesson aim To help the students to understand from the Bible that God's promises to Abraham are his gracious provision for the world in dealing with sin and death.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

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

Students will learn to:

- recognise from the Bible that God's promises were his gracious provision in the face of the consequences of Babel
- recognise that the Bible teaches that God's promises to Abraham are for the whole world.

Lesson 13

Lesson aim To help the students to understand from the Bible that God kept his promise to Abraham and Sarah even though it took a really long time.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- the promise that God made to Abraham and Sarah of a baby boy
- the length of time it took for God to keep his promise.

Students will learn to:

- recognise how the Bible shows that God will always keep his promises, even if it takes longer than expected.

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.

Lesson 15

Lesson aim To help students to understand that the Bible shows that God will keep his promises but not always in the way we expect him to.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- the births of Jacob and Esau
- how God chose Jacob for the fulfilment of his promises.

Students will learn to:

- recognise how the Bible shows that God keeps his promises through unexpected people and in unexpected ways.

Lesson 16

Lesson aim To help the students to understand how the Bible shows that God is powerful in keeping his promises. Nothing can stop God from keeping his promises, not even human sinfulness.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- Jacob and Esau's rivalry
- Jacob's deception in stealing Esau's blessing.

Students will learn to:

- recognise how the Bible shows that God is powerful in keeping his promises, even when human sinfulness appears to be thwarting his plans
- understand why Christians believe that God is worthy of people's trust.

Lesson 17

Lesson aim To help students to understand from the Bible God was keeping his promise to Abraham of making his family a great nation.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- how Abraham's family grew from one man to Jacob and his 12 sons
- Jacob's family (beginning with Joseph).

Students will learn to:

- recognise that Jacob's family was the beginning of the nation of Israel
- see what it looks like for someone to trust that God keeps his promises and works for the good of those who love him.

Lesson 18

Lesson aim To help the students to understand that God loved Joseph and was working out everything for the good of all his people.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- Joseph's life in Egypt
- how God was with Joseph and remained with him through difficult situations.

Students will learn to:

- recognise how the Bible shows that God works for the good of those who love him—even when facing difficult challenges
- recognise that people today can trust God to work for their good too.

Lesson 19

Lesson aim To help students to understand the Bible's account of how God used Joseph to save his people and to turn them into a great nation.

Lesson outcomes

Students will learn about:

- how Jacob's family ended up in Egypt
- how God used Joseph to save his people from the famine and keep his promises to Abraham.
- **Students will learn to:**
- recognise that the Bible shows that God is a promise keeper and is trustworthy
- appreciate that God's promises to Abraham are for people today too.

Lesson 20

Lesson aim To introduce the students to Holly and the work of Compassion Australia.

Lesson outcomes **Students will learn about:**

- Holly and her involvement in the work of Compassion Australia
- how God wants us to have compassion on the poor and needy.

Students will learn to:

- respond with compassion to the poverty in our world
- think of different ways people can support Compassion Australia.

Lesson: Easter Assembly

Lesson aim To help students to understand that Jesus is the powerful Super Saviour! He even conquered death and rose again!

Lesson outcomes **Students will learn about:**

- how Jesus died on the cross to pay for people's sin
- how Jesus defeated death and rose again.

Lesson: Special Lesson

Lesson aim To help students to understand that anyone 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 all people.