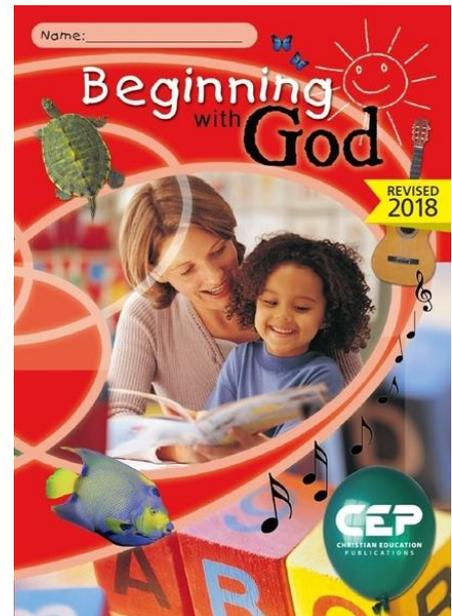


Beginning with God

Revised 2018

Lesson aims and outcomes

For children aged 5 – 6 years



Aim of Beginning with God

“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 God, you and me

Lesson aim To introduce the students to you, the Bible and God.

Learning outcomes

The students will:

- know your name
- understand that they can learn about God from the Bible
- begin to appreciate that they can know God, and that God loves each one of us.

Lesson 2 God made the world

Lesson aim To explore what the Bible says about how God made the world and God's description of his world as good.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- hear from the Bible that God made the world and everything in it
- be able to list some of the good things God made
- reflect on the magnitude of God's creation

Lesson 3 God made people

Lesson aim To help students to understand from the Bible that God made people to be his friends.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- state that the Bible tells us that God made people
- understand that God created people to be friends with him
- learn to see that people today can become friends with God.

Lesson 4 God loves and cares for everything

Lesson aim To help students appreciate from the Bible that God loves and cares for everything he has made.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- learn how the Bible explains that the good things we see, eat and have in our lives come from God
- think about ways in which God shows his love and care for the things he has made
- begin to appreciate that God's love for people is much greater than anyone can understand

Lesson 5 God's perfect world was spoilt

Lesson aim To help students understand from the Bible how friendship with God is spoiled by wrong choices and how God responds by making peace with people.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- be reminded from the Bible that Adam and Eve were created to live as God's friends
- understand how Adam and Eve's wrong choice spoiled their friendship with God
- begin to recognise that people today also do wrong, but God still works to make peace with them.

Lesson 6 God sent his Son at the right time

Lesson aim To help students to appreciate God's reason for sending his Son, Jesus: to make peace between himself and people.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- recall from the Bible that Adam and Eve had to leave the Garden of Eden because they made a wrong choice and disobeyed God
- appreciate that God sent his Son, Jesus, to make peace with people
- grow in their understanding of God's love for all people and that he invites them to be his friend.

Lesson 7 Jesus teaches people about God

Lesson aim To help students understand from the Bible that Jesus told people about God.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- be able to state that Jesus taught people many things about God
- be able to say one thing that Jesus taught about God
- begin to grasp what Jesus' teachings about God mean for people today.

Lesson 8 A sad day with a surprising ending

Lesson aim To show students from the Bible that Jesus' death and resurrection was the central part of God's plan to make peace with people.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- learn that Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem, then later died
- understand that while Jesus' death was surprising and sad for his friends, the Bible shows that it was part of God's plan to make peace with people
- learn that Jesus was made alive again by God.

Lesson 9 A wonderful day for God's people

Lesson aim To help students understand from the Bible that God made Jesus alive again.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- recall the story of Jesus' death
- learn that God made Jesus alive again
- understand from the Bible that God has power over all things, including death
- appreciate that Jesus died so people can be friends with God, and that he is the powerful Son of God.

Lesson 10 The road to Emmaus

Lesson aim To develop students' understanding from the Bible of Jesus' resurrection as real and physical.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- understand from the Bible that the risen Jesus was really alive
- recognise how Jesus met and spoke with people after he had risen
- being to grasp the truth of these extraordinary events.

Lesson 11 The Holy Spirit

Lesson aim To help students to understand from the Bible that Jesus' friends are never alone because God, the Holy Spirit, is with them.

Learning
outcomes

The students will:

- hear from the Bible how Jesus returned to heaven and then sent his Holy Spirit to be with his people
- learn about what it was like for Jesus' friends to have the Holy Spirit
- appreciate that when people today trust Jesus, his Holy Spirit also lives with them.

Lesson 12 Together forever

Lesson aim To help students appreciate that the Bible teaches that Jesus' friends will live with him forever.

Learning
outcomes

The students will:

- learn how God will make everything new
- imagine being together with God and Jesus forever with no sadness
- be encouraged to look forward to God's new heaven and earth.

Lesson 13 Fish, fish and more fish

Lesson aim To help students develop an understanding from the Bible that Jesus is God's Son and has God's power.

Learning
outcomes

The students will:

- understand from the Bible that Jesus has God's power because he is God's Son.
- learn how Peter became a follower of Jesus.
- understand what it's like for Christians today to follow Jesus.

Lesson 14 Jesus cares

Lesson aim To help students appreciate from the Bible that Jesus' love for people shows us God's love.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- know about Jesus' visit to the synagogue and Peter's house
- recognise that Jesus cares about people more than anything else
- begin to grasp from the Bible that they are deeply loved by Jesus and God.

Lesson 15 Loaves and fish for 5000, please!

Lesson aim To help students appreciate from the Bible that Jesus was able to help people because he is the powerful Son of God and has God's power.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- recall how Jesus fed a huge crowd of people
- understand that Jesus wanted to help people
- reflect on what this Bible story tells them about Jesus.

Lesson 16 Jesus and his friend Lazarus

Lesson aim To help students understand that Jesus, God's Son, has the power to give life.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- learn how Jesus raised Lazarus from death
- be amazed that Jesus can give life
- begin to grasp that Jesus has all of God's power.

Lesson 17 Jesus and the children

Lesson aim To help students understand how the Bible shows that Jesus cares for and values children.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- be able to retell the story of Jesus welcoming the children
- understand how much Jesus values children
- begin to appreciate their own worth in God's eyes.

Lesson 18 Jesus heals Bartimaeus

Lesson aim To explore further how the Bible shows that Jesus cares for people, even those who others see as 'outcasts'.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- act out the story of how Jesus healed Bartimaeus of his blindness
- understand how the Bible shows that Jesus' love reaches out to everyone
- appreciate how different Jesus is to anyone else.

Lesson 19 Getting to know Jesus

Lesson aim To help students appreciate how the Bible shows that Jesus wants people to get to know him.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- compare Mary and Martha's responses to Jesus
- say what Jesus thought about Mary and Martha's responses
- discuss ways they could get to know Jesus more.

Lesson 20 Jesus and Zacchaeus

Lesson aim To show students from the Bible how Jesus helps people to change when they know him.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- understand why people did not like Zacchaeus
- be able to say what Zacchaeus did when he met Jesus
- appreciate that Jesus can change lives

Lesson 21 The loving father

Lesson aim To encourage students to think more about God's love and how people can respond to it.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- know the story of the loving father and son who returned
- make the connection between God and the father in the story
- consider how people can respond to God's love

Lesson 22 I will pray to you

Lesson aim To explore how and why people pray to God.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- learn how Jesus taught his friends to pray
- understand that God wants people to pray to him
- begin to value prayer as a response to God's love.

Lesson 23 The good Samaritan

Lesson aim To help students understand from the Bible that loving God means we must love others even when it is hard to do so.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- participate dramatically in the story of the good Samaritan
- discuss ways to show love to the people they know
- grasp why Christians believe that if we love God, we must also love others even when it is hard to do so.

Lesson 24 God makes promises to Abraham

Lesson aim To foster an understanding from the Bible that God promised to help his people.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- learn about the promises God made to Abraham
- recall how God promised to help his people and understand that it took time for God to fulfil his promises
- appreciate that God's promises are special and important.

Lesson 25 A son for Abraham and Sarah

Lesson aim To encourage students to appreciate how the Bible shows that God keeps every promise he makes.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- recall the promises God made to Abraham
- discuss how they feel when a promise is kept or broken
- confidently know from the Bible that God always keeps his promises.

Lesson 26 Joseph

Lesson aim To explore Joseph's role in God's unchanging plan.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- be introduced to Joseph and some of Abraham's other descendants
- understand Joseph's important role in saving Abraham's family
- begin to grasp how people like Abraham and Joseph are part of God's greater plan to make peace with people.

Lesson 27 Baby Moses

Lesson aim To help students to appreciate from the Bible that God saved baby Moses for a great purpose.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- hear about Moses and Abraham's descendants in Egypt
- understand that God saved Moses in order to save 'Israel'
- appreciate how the Bible shows that God is true to his plans and promises

Lesson 28 Exodus from Egypt

Lesson aim To introduce students to the concept that God is good, all-powerful and in charge of the world.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- hear how God showed his power to Pharaoh, the Egyptians and the Israelites
- understand from the Bible that God is in charge of the world
- engage in a variety of dramatic experiences

Lesson 29 The Promised Land

Lesson aim To help students appreciate how the Bible shows that God always keeps his promise to be with those who trust him.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- learn from the Bible that God was with his people, the Israelites, as they travelled to the Promised Land
- understand from the Bible that God always keeps his promises
- appreciate that God is with those who trust in him

Lesson 30 The birth of Samuel

Lesson aim To learn about Hannah's great faith and God's even greater faithfulness

Learning outcomes

The students will:

- hear how Hannah's prayers for a son were answered by God
- appreciate Samuel's importance in God's greater plan to bring salvation to all people through Jesus
- understand that people today can trust Jesus and become God's friends.

Lesson 31 Chosen to be king

Lesson aim To help students grasp that God chose David as his people's king because David loved and trusted him.

Learning outcomes

The students will:

- know that God chose David to be the future king of his people
- understand that David loved and trusted God
- appreciate that the Bible teaches that God cares about what is inside us and how we respond to him, rather than how we look.

Lesson 32 The shepherd boy

Lesson aim To appreciate how God prepared David to be a warrior and king.

Learning outcomes

The students will:

- know from the Bible that God looked after David
- understand that God was preparing David for his future role as a warrior and king
- appreciate that God looks after people in different ways when they trust him

Lesson 33 God's promise to David

Lesson aim To discover God's great promise that someone from David's family would always be king

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- recall and retell the story of King David through song
- know that there would always be a king from David's family, and that one day this King would be Jesus
- begin to see the connection between the Old Testament stories of this unit and how they lead to Jesus.

Lesson 34 Daniel in exile

Lesson aim To help the students to understand that Daniel knew God was the greatest king of all.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- learn about the people, places and events surrounding Israel's exile to Babylon
- compare and contrast earthly kings with God the heavenly king
- appreciate that the Bible says that anyone can have God as their king

Lesson 35 Nehemiah the builder

Lesson aim To help students to recognise from the Bible that God wants people to remember him.

Learning outcomes **The students will:**

- re-enact the rebuilding of Jerusalem's wall and how the exiles remembered God
- understand that remembering God causes people to act in certain ways
- consider ways that people today can remember God.

Lesson 36 God promises to send his Son

Lesson aim To help students to understand from the Bible that God promised to send his Son long before Jesus was born.

Learning
outcomes

The students will:

- be able to recall how the relationship between people and God was broken, and how the problem of sin persisted among God's people
- hear from the Bible how God promised to send his Son, long before Jesus was born
- sense God's love for people in spite of their wrongdoing.

Lesson 37 Mary's song of praise

Lesson aim To help students to reflect on Mary's joy regarding the fulfilment of God's promise.

Learning
outcomes

The students will:

- hear from the Bible how Mary's baby would be the Son promised by God
- sing a song based on Mary's song of praise
- begin to appreciate the joy that Jesus brings to Christians' lives.

Lesson 38 Jesus is born

Lesson aim To help the students to understand that Christians celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas because he is the child God promised who would make peace between God and people.

Learning
outcomes

The students will:

- interact with the story of Jesus' birth and the shepherds' visit
- understand from the Bible that Jesus was the baby God sent to make peace with God for people
- see why Jesus is central to Christians' celebrations at Christmas.

Lesson 39 He's the one!

Lesson aim To help students understand how the Bible shows that baby Jesus was the one God's people had been waiting for.

Learning outcomes

The students will:

- learn of Simeon's encounter with Jesus
- understand the significance of the birth of baby Jesus
- appreciate that the Bible teaches that God keeps his promises

Lesson 40 Gifts for the King

Lesson aim To help students to recognise from the Bible that God invites all people to make Jesus their King and to trust him.

Learning outcomes

The students will:

- follow the journey of the wise men from the East to Bethlehem
- compare the responses of the wise men and King Herod to Jesus
- be prompted to think about different responses to Jesus.