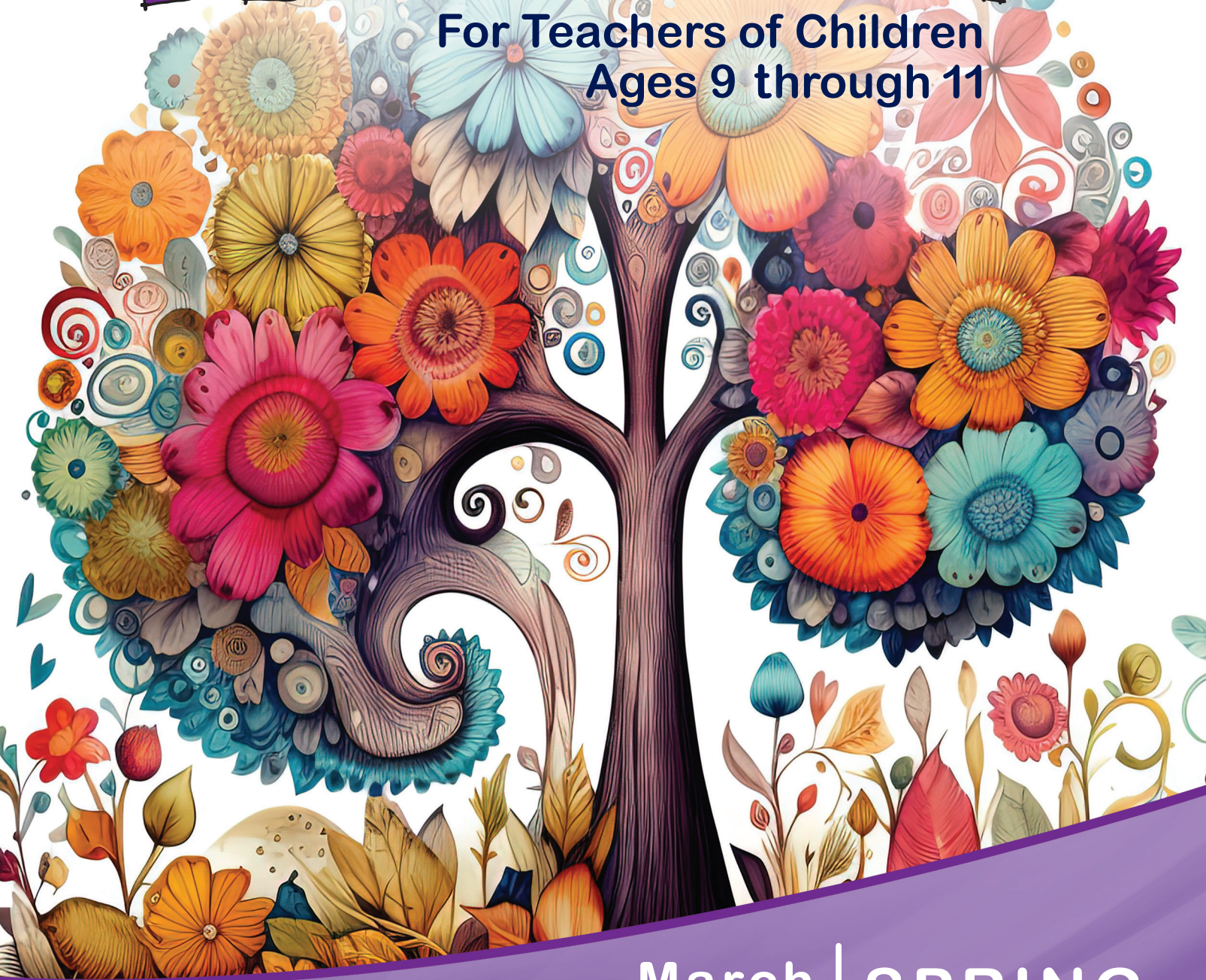


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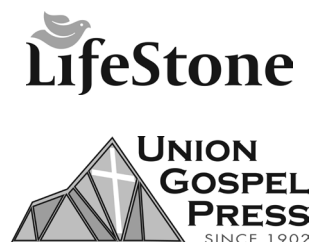
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Dear Junior Teacher,

Welcome to *Junior Bible Teacher*! As witnesses for Christ in a changing world, we have to think creatively about how we minister, while still holding firmly to the Word of Truth.

Our Plus Series contains robust Bible lessons and background information that have been clearly crafted to help you excite your students to learn God's Word.

Junior Bible Teacher⁺ features:

- **Introductory pages** for each unit will connect the units to one another and point toward the quarter's major themes.
- The **Big Idea** is the main point of the lesson. This helps you focus your lesson on the one thing you want your students to take away about God and His Word.
- **Prepare Your Mind** and **Prepare Your Heart** will ready you to teach with background information and a short devotional.
- **Supplies** and **Prepare the Room** give you all the practical information you need to prepare for class time.
- The **Conversation Starter** is an interesting question or object lesson that helps you kick off your class and get your students invested in the lesson. It will always tie in with the first part of the Bible Lesson.
- **Teacher Tips** in the lesson will give you quick tips to involve your students or deal with difficult subject matter.
- **Just Curious** prepares you to respond to questions students might ask about the lesson.
- **Prop Prompt** symbols notify you when to use a prop listed in the supply list at the beginning of the lesson. All props and supplies are in **bold** the first time they appear.
- **Discussion Questions** help students engage with the Scriptures intellectually and emotionally throughout the lesson. These questions appear in both the class and teacher books.
- **Action** symbols help you see opportunities to invite your class to take part in the lesson.
- The **Activity** helps juniors get their energy out while thinking about the lesson.
- The **Big Question** addresses common doubts or fears junior students might have about God and His Word from a biblical worldview.
- **Explaining the Memory Verse** explains the Scripture in language familiar to juniors.
- **Next Steps** help your students apply the lesson to their lives.
- **Prayer Points** give teachers some prompts for ways to pray for the students.
- The **Christ Focus** encourages thought about how the Scripture passage and lesson point to our loving Savior.

KEY:

Teacher Tips



Just Curious



Prop Prompts



Actions



Discussion Questions



**Here's a peek at the features
of *Junior Bible Class*⁺:**

GOD WILL JUDGE SIN

Lesson 1
March 1, 2026

Lesson Text: Ezekiel 22:17-31

"Ye shall know that I the Lord have poured out my fury upon you" (Ezekiel 22:22).

BIG IDEA: Israel's leaders led the people away from God's law, bringing His judgment.

EZEKIEL 22:17 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, the house of Israel is to me become dross: all they are brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are *new* the dross of silver.

19 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Because ye are all become dross, behold, therefore will I gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.

20 At they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, so melt it; so will I gather you in mine anger and in my fury, and I will leave you there, and melt you.

21 Yea, I will gather you, and blow upon them in the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof.

22 As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the Lord have poured out my fury upon you.

23 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

24 Son of man, say unto her, Thou art upon the land that is not cleansed, nor tained in the day of indignation.

25 There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things: they have made every one of them

things: they have made her many widows in the midst thereof;

26 Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and am profaned among them.

27 Her princes in the midst thereof, as like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain, with untempered morter, seeing vanity, and sinners have dashed them: they have divided lives unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken.

29 The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery; they have oppressed the poor and needy: yea, they have vexed the stranger wrongfully.

30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up for a man among them, the gap before me upon the hedge, and stand in the breach: but I found none.

31 Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them: I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.

BIBLE LESSON

God would judge and punish His people by sending them to metal. Silver is valuable. The way to refine the silver is to melt it. Valuable metals float to the surface of the molten metal.

God wanted to make His people good about with His people. They did not want to do that. He said He would judge his people.

The leaders hadn't been obeying God's law. Instead, they should have known God's law. Instead, they made up lies about God and His rules. He found no one who was doing what he wanted them all by sending them to metal.

who break the law. When someone is guilty of breaking the law, a judge decides what happens to people who live by it. When they did not obey, He judged and punished them. He did that so that they would learn to do what was right.

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- The **Big Idea** helps the student focus on the main point of the lesson.
- **Discussion Questions** are interjected within the Bible lesson to help students engage with the Scriptures intellectually and emotionally.
- The **Big Question** addresses common doubts or fears junior students might have about God and His Word from a biblical worldview.

Why would the leaders be in more trouble for not obeying God?

God's people were guilty of sin. Sin ruins people and brings death. God's judgment, even when it is difficult, gives people a chance to turn from sin and have new life.

Everyone disobeys God and sins. God judges sinners. God sent Jesus to take away the punishment for sin. He is perfect and pure. He died for us on the cross.

What would happen if we never learned from our mistakes and continued disobeying God?

When you trust in Him, you never have to fear God's judgment.

ARE BAD THINGS IN MY LIFE ALWAYS A PUNISHMENT FOR SIN?

No. Bad things happen in our lives for all kinds of reasons. We live in a world that is not perfect because of sin. Bad things happen, and it doesn't always have to do with the bad things we do. Sometimes, however, bad things happen because of the bad things we do. For example, if you get in a fight with your sister, you might have a time-out. God may allow those things to happen to lead us back to Him.

There is good news. Long ago, Jesus took the punishment for your sin. If you haven't trusted in Jesus, you now have to fear God's punishment. If you have trusted in Jesus, all you have to do is ask Him to forgive you for your sin. Then follow Him each day of your life to thank Him!

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NEXT STEPS

The most important step to take is to believe and trust in Jesus as your Savior. If you're a Christian already, God wants to show you any sin in your life. Pray that He would show you any sin that is keeping you from living as you should for Him.

CHRIST FOCUS

Jesus took the punishment for our sins so that we could know God's love and not His judgment.

TALK ABOUT IT

Talk to a few trusted Christian adults about how they avoid sin in their lives.

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- The **Christ Focus** encourages thought about how the Scripture passage and lesson point to our loving Savior.
- **Talk About It** prompts students to engage trusted Christian adults in their life in conversation about God's Word.

UNIT 1:

God's Wrath on Sin

Lesson 1: Ezekiel 22:17-31

God Will Judge Sin

Lesson 2: Ezekiel 33:12-20

Sinners Deserve Death

Lesson 3: Romans 1:18-23

God's Anger Revealed

God is love. He is also holy. In His holiness, His love includes a response to sin that many are uncomfortable with—His wrath. Yet for God to be a truly good Father, correction must come to His children. The biblical writers proclaim that God is “slow to anger.” Once the time for correction has come, however, they often cry, “Not fair!” As you teach the lessons in this unit, emphasize to juniors how long God waited for His people to turn from their sin. Help them understand that He is also patient with them to turn from sin.



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Prepare Your Mind

In Ezekiel 22, the prophet explained God's judgment with an analogy. Metal workers purify metals like silver that are combined with other metals. By applying heat, silver is liquefied, and the dross—the lesser metal—floats to the surface and is skimmed off. God was the refiner of Israel. Sadly, Israel and their leaders still committed atrocious sins and had to be further refined through exile.

Prepare Your Heart

Sin can be a touchy topic, but everyone has a list of certain "sins" that shouldn't be committed. Talk with anyone about current events, and you will quickly find out what they consider "sin." We all understand that right and wrong exist. We expect justice when wrongs are committed. In Ezekiel 22, we can see the kinds of sins that deserve judgment. God's judgment of sin is just.



Supplies

- gavel or mallet
- picture or video of refining silver
- water / empty water bottles with lids
- shallow bins
- vegetable oil
- food coloring
- glitter
- beads
- glue or tape (optional)



Conversation Starter

Have you ever had the flu or a bad cold?
Are there any good parts about being sick? What's the worst part about being sick?

Bible Lesson 🕒 10-15 min



Do you know that when you have a sickness like the flu or a cold, the fever you get isn't the sickness? The fever fights off the real sickness so that you can get well. God can work like a fever to our spiritual lives. He sometimes uses things that don't feel good at the time to "burn" sin out of our lives. When that happens, life can be uncomfortable! But it's much better than God just ignoring you and letting you get into terrible trouble because of your sin, right?

Do you know what a judge does? (Allow answers.) A judge decides what happens to people who break the law. (🔊 Show **gavel**.) When someone is guilty of breaking the law, a judge decides how that person will be punished. (🔊 Hit desk with gavel and say, "Guilty!")

God is *the* Judge. He made everything in the world, so it's all His. He gave His people, the Israelites, rules to live by. When they didn't obey, He judged and punished them. He did that so that they would learn to do what was right.

God would judge and punish His people for the horrible sins they were doing against Him and one another. He explained to them why He was going to do that. He explained with something the people would have been familiar with. (🔊 Show **picture** or **video of silver refining**.) He compared His people to silver. That might sound like a good thing, but it wasn't. Silver is valuable but often not right out of the ground. If it has other metals mixed in it, that makes it less valuable. The only way to get to the pure silver is to heat it in fire. When the silver is melted, the less valuable metals float to the surface and are scooped out. That makes the silver pure, or more valuable.

Why did God talk about fire and making silver pure? God wanted to make His people pure. He wanted to take away the bad things in them—the sins they were doing. God said that there was nothing good or valuable about His people. They didn't learn their lesson from being punished before. They just kept sinning. God said He would look for any good that was left in them. He would judge their sin, and He would remove all their sin.

The people had leaders. Those leaders hadn't been obeying God either. They stole from the people. They should have known God's law best. Instead, they broke God's law. They were bad examples. They made up lies about God and His rules.

💬 Why would the leaders be in more trouble for not obeying God?

God said that He had searched for just one good person who was obeying His law. He wanted one good person to lead His people. He found no one. All His people disobeyed Him, so He judged and punished them all by sending them away into exile. (?) He wanted His people to learn from their mistakes and then obey Him. He would make them good by making them go through something bad (like silver going through fire).



What is exile? It is a time of punishment when people are forced to leave their homes and nation to live as servants in another nation.

💬 What would happen if we never learned from our mistakes and continued disobeying God?

God's people were guilty of sin. Sin ruins people and brings death. God's judgment, even when it seems difficult, gives people a chance to turn from sin and have new life.

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Give students an opportunity to consider whether they have come to Jesus to accept His love and forgiveness.

Explaining the Memory Verse

God was angry with the people He had created and blessed. His anger had a purpose, however. It was also a way to show His love. If God had let the people continue sinning, they would have died because of it. God's judgment brings His people back to Him.



Activity: Separating Bottles ⌚ 5–10 min

Distribute a bottle to each student. Have them share other supplies. Students should add **food coloring**, some **glitter**, **beads**, and so forth to their bottle and fill the rest of the bottle with **oil**. Have them close their bottles tightly and secure with **glue or tape** if desired. When students shake up their bottles, everything will momentarily mix but will then separate. Say, “God can see and separate sin from the lives of His people. He wants to remove sin from your life so that you can follow Him and live forever.”

SUPPLIES:

- water / empty water bottles with lids
- shallow bins
- vegetable oil
- food coloring
- glitter, beads
- glue or tape (optional)

PREP: Fill each **bottle** halfway with **water**. Have **shallow bins** ready on tables for the activity to catch any spills.

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Next Steps

The most important step to take is to believe and trust in Jesus as your Savior. If you're a Christian already, God wants to show you any sin in your life. Pray that He would show you any sin that is keeping you from living as you should for Him.

Prayer Points

- Thank God that He loves us so much that He saved us from the death that sin brings. •
- Pray that each of your students will trust in Jesus as Savior. •
- Ask God to show you and your students any sin your lives so that you can live for Jesus. •

Christ Focus

Jesus took the punishment for our sins so that we could know God's love and not His judgment.