

JUNIOR BIBLE TEACHER

For Teachers of Children
Ages 9 through 11



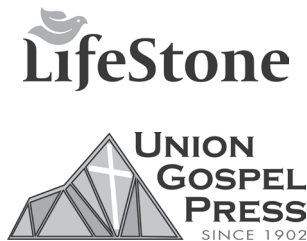
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Dear Junior Teacher,

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.
- **Bonus pages** for you and your students will be included each quarter as supplements in the back of this book.

KEY:

Teacher Tips



Just Curious



Prop Prompts



Actions

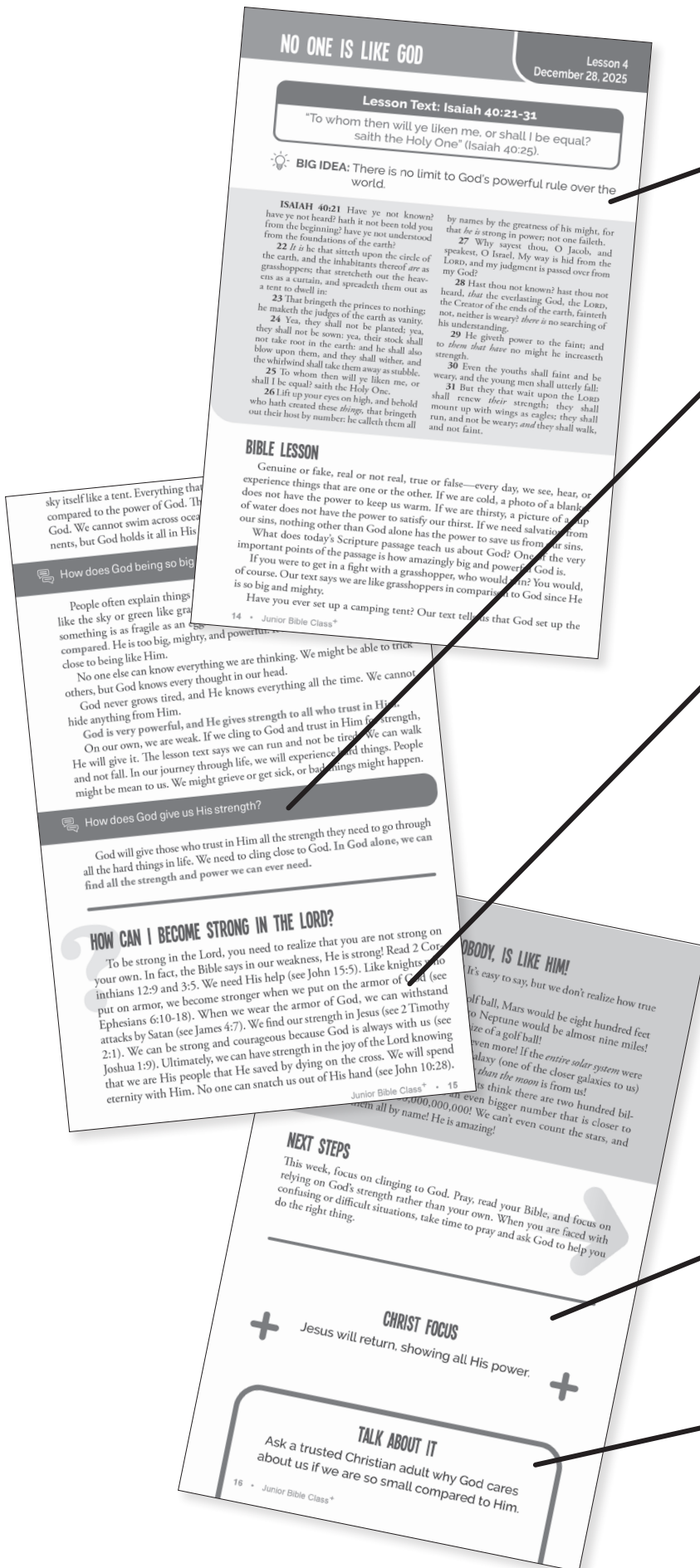


Discussion Questions



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

- 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.
- 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:

His Holy Presence

Lesson 1: Exodus 33:12-23

The Amazing Things of the Lord

Lesson 2: Exodus 40:1-11, 34-38

God Fills the Tabernacle

Lesson 3: Isaiah 9:1-7

God's Glory in the Coming Savior (Christmas)

Lesson 4: Isaiah 40:21-31

No One Is like God

Grasping the seriousness of God's holy presence may be difficult for juniors, but they can experience it when they pray and gather with others to worship. God is always near and never unreachable. God told Moses that no one could see His face and live, but Moses still spent time in God's presence. The Israelites were in God's presence when they worshipped Him in the tabernacle. God gave them exact instructions to follow. He expected their obedience, and He expects ours as well. We are called to be holy because God is holy. Jesus' coming to earth to bring us salvation was prophesied by Isaiah many years before He came. Jesus is the fulfillment of God's presence with us.



The Amazing Things of the Lord

Lesson Text: Exodus 33:12-23

Lesson 1
December 7, 2025



And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live (Exodus 33:20).



Big Idea: God promises to be with Israel so that His glory will be known.

EXODUS 33:12 And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.

13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation *is* thy people.

14 And he said, My presence shall go *with thee*, and I will give thee rest.

15 And he said unto him, If thy presence go not *with me*, carry us not up hence.

16 For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? *is it* not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that *are* upon the face of the earth.

17 And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also

that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

18 And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.

19 And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

20 And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.

21 And the LORD said, Behold, *there is* a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock:

22 And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by:

23 And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

Prepare Your Mind

The story of the people of Israel after their escape from Egypt is not a simple one. Considering the glorious way in which they were delivered from Egypt, one might expect them to never doubt God again. That is not what happened, however. They doubted Him as they stood on the banks of the Red Sea. They cursed Moses and complained. They made a golden calf and worshipped it with immoral behavior. In Exodus 33, God had determined not to remain with Israel, but Moses interceded on Israel's behalf. God, being rich in mercy, stayed with Israel. In verse 11, we read that God spoke to Moses as a friend, yet the glory of God was so vast that not even Moses could see His face. (See page 43 for a teaching help about God's glory.)

Prepare Your Heart

It's impossible for a finite mind to fully comprehend the glory of God. We understand the power of the sun. Seeing it unprotected can damage our eyes; yet the briefest glimpse of the glory of God would kill a man—even Moses, who the passage refers to as a friend to God.

Even with all His glory, God knew Moses by name. He knows us by name too. If we are His children, our names are written in the Book of Life. He calls us by name, we are His, and He is ours. It is hard to comprehend a power so vast yet also so kind and loving enough to know us by name, to reveal Himself to us, and to treat us with love.



Supplies

- marker
- scissors
- paper
- tape




Conversation Starter

Today I have a riddle for you. What belongs to you, but other people use it more than you do?
Can anyone give me the answer? (Your name!)

Bible Lesson ⌚ 10-15 min





We all have names. Names make it easy for us to know and talk to other people. If I want to talk to one of you, I will use your name. I will not say, “you by the door.” I will say (child’s name). Names allow people to be known. When you meet people for the very first time, you will tell them your name and ask them what theirs is. Later, you might say, “I met (their name) today.” Names are important!

God has many names. When Moses met God, he asked God what His name is. God told Moses that His name is “I AM” (see Ex. 3:13-14).  In Exodus 33, we read that God knew Moses by name. God knows everyone’s names.

Before God had that conversation with Moses, the people of Israel had just committed a serious sin. They had worshipped a statue in the shape of a golden calf. God was angry and threatened to leave the children of Israel.

God is merciful. He forgives. The people repented of their sins, and Moses begged God not to abandon His people. The people of God did not want to have the presence of God taken away from them.

God will never leave His children. They will sin (disobey His Word), but He will forgive when they confess and repent. When people repent, they turn away from sin. ( Have children stand up.) Now, turn and face the opposite direction. ( Have children turn.) That is what repenting is like. It means to turn and go in the opposite direction.

When you repent of your sins, you do the same thing. You admit what you did was wrong and turn away from doing it again. When you agree with God that what you did was wrong, you shouldn’t keep doing the same thing over and over.

Moses was God’s friend. God had done many miracles in Moses’ life. Moses had seen a bush that was on fire but did not burn up (see 3:2). God showed Moses mighty miracles in Egypt (see chaps. 7—11) and even parted the Red Sea (chap. 14)!

Friends talk to one another. They often talk to one another face-to-face. When God talked with Moses, it was not face-to-face, however.



Why does God call Himself “I AM”? God’s name “I AM” means that He has always existed. He was not born the way humans are. He is eternal.



Why wasn’t Moses allowed to see God’s face?

God is so glorious and majestic that even a man who is His friend cannot see His face and live. It is hard for us to understand the glory of God. Imagine trying to explain to a tiny fish in the deepest part of the ocean what life is like for you. It would be impossible.

Even though God is too glorious to be seen by human eyes, He decided to put aside some of that glory to show part of Himself to Moses. God is so kind that He wants us small humans to know Him better.



What do you think is the greatest way God let us know who He is?

Jesus, God the Son, came to earth to show us the love of God. God showed the people of Israel who He is through Moses. He saved His people by having Moses lead them from being enslaved in Egypt.

Jesus came to save the world from sin. People who confess their sins and repent will be saved. Someday they will go to heaven and live in glory with God.

Explaining the Memory Verse

If a person looks directly at the sun for too long, it will damage his or her eyes. This verse is telling us that the glory of God is so bright and great that if we saw it, we would die. That is how amazing God is!



Activity: Verse Scramble ⌚ 5–10 min

Divide the class into teams of five students (depending on the number in your class). Randomly **tape** one part of the memory verse to each student's back on each team so that each player on each team has one part of the memory verse (do not make the order obvious). Explain that the object of the game is to get their teammates to stand next to one another so that the parts of the memory verse are in the correct order. Everyone must be silent during the game. The team who first gets the memory verse in the correct order wins.

SUPPLIES:

- marker
- paper
- scissors
- tape

PREP: Print the memory verse on several sheets of **paper**. **Cut** each copy of the memory verse into five strips (cutting at each punctuation mark and keeping the reference on its own piece).

Big Question: How is God's presence with believers today?

Israel didn't want to have the presence of God leave them. Moses said Israel needed God's presence wherever they went.

Today Christians have God dwelling in them. This is not an easy thing to understand. When someone trusts Jesus Christ as Savior, the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, comes to live within that person. Before Jesus ascended to heaven

after rising from the dead, He promised that the Holy Spirit would come to dwell within Christians (see Acts 1:5-8).

Find Romans 8:9 in your Bible. That verse says that the Spirit of God dwells in those who are believers.

The Holy Spirit helps Christians live for the Lord, avoid sin, love others, and behave in a way that shows others that Christ's light dwells in them!

Next Steps

Christians should always seek the presence of God. Jesus promised that He would never leave or forsake His people. This week, focus on seeking God's presence by spending time with Him in prayer and reading and thinking about the Bible.

Prayer Points

- Thank God that He is the glorious and majestic God worthy of all praise. •
- Ask God to help your students know Him better. •
- Ask God to help your students' lights shine so that others may see His glory through them. •

Christ Focus

Jesus put aside His glory to come to earth and save sinners!