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Dear Primary Teacher,

Welcome to *Primary 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.

Primary 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, Suggested Song**, and **Prepare the Room** give you all the practical information you need to prepare for class time.
- A **glossary** section keys you in to words in the lesson that may be difficult to understand for young students.
- 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.
- **Action** symbols help you see opportunities to invite your class to take part in the lesson.
- **Truths to Stress** are underlined in the Bible lesson so that you can see the main points at a glance.
- **Activities** get your students' wiggles out while thinking about the lesson.
- **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



December 6, 2026

Lesson 1

THE LORD'S LOVE

Lesson Text: Lamentations 3:1-3, 19-39

"[God's] compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23).



BIG IDEA: In sad or scary times, God's love gave His people hope.

HOPE IN SADNESS:

Fill in the blanks below with the correct words.

COMPASSION GOD HOPE LAMENT POEM PRAISE PROMISED

A _____ is a song or poem about asking God for help or telling Him about a sadness.

Jeremiah's long _____ began with sad prayers.

Jeremiah felt like _____ was ignoring him.

Jeremiah knew God would take care of him as He had _____.

Jeremiah gave _____ for God's goodness.

Jeremiah said God's _____ is new every morning.

Jeremiah's prayers show how to have _____ in times of sadness.

MEMORY HELPER



Talking to someone about your problems can help get you through them. Talking to God in prayer about problems can give you hope.

CHRIST FOCUS



Jesus was sad about His coming death on the cross, and He talked to God about it (see Luke 22:39-44).

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TALK ABOUT IT

Help your child to practice talking to God about sad and happy moments each day.

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Here's a peek at features of the *Primary Bible Learner*®:

• A **lesson recap** includes true and false questions, fill-in-the-blank puzzles, and much more to help ensure your students understood the lesson.

• The **Memory Helper** reminds students of something interesting in the Bible lesson that will help them remember the Big Idea.

• The **activity page** is bigger than ever and full color to get your students excited to solve puzzles and review the lesson.

• **Talk About It** connects with Next Steps and cues parents or caregivers in on how they can help their children apply the lesson throughout the week.

• Each page is perforated, so it is easy to rip out and take home!

UNIT 1:

Love Sends A Savior

Lesson 1: Lamentations 3:1-3, 19-39

The Lord's Love

Lesson 2: Isaiah 62:1-12

Salvation for Zion

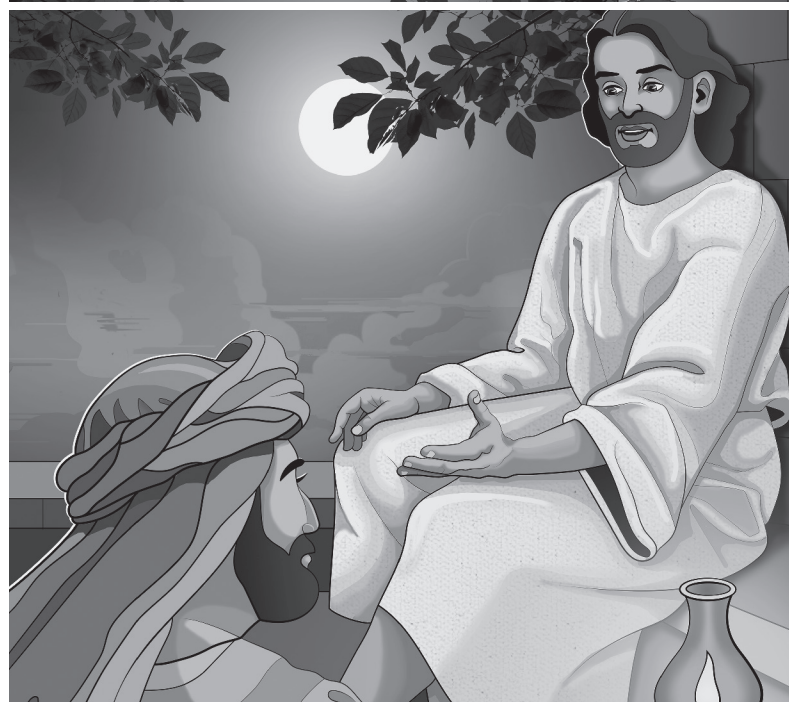
Lesson 3: John 1:1-14

Light of the World (Christmas)

Lesson 4: John 3:1-21

Born Again

What's the biggest thing you can think of? An elephant? Maybe a blue whale? How big is God's love? Would you say infinite? The truth is that we cannot truly understand the depth, height, or width of God's love for us. Our big and wonderful God not only stepped down on earth, but He also put on flesh and experienced all the hard things we experience, like sickness, hunger, pain, and loss. He loved us so much that He died for us. He wants us to spend eternity with Him in paradise. What magnificent love!



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LAMENTATIONS 3:1 I *am* the man *that* hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath.

2 He hath led me, and brought *me into* darkness, but not *into* light.

3 Surely against me is he turned; he turneth his hand *against me* all the day.

19 Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the worm-wood and the gall.

20 My soul hath *them* still in remembrance, and is humbled in me.

21 This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

22 *It is of* the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

23 *They are* new every morning: *great is* thy faithfulness.

24 The LORD *is* my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

25 The LORD *is* good unto them that wait for him, to the soul *that* seeketh him.

26 *It is* good that *a man* should both hope and quietly wait for

the salvation of the LORD.

27 *It is* good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

28 He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne *it* upon him.

29 He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope.

30 He giveth *his* cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach.

31 For the Lord will not cast off for ever:

32 But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

33 For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.

34 To crush under his feet all the prisoners of the earth,

35 To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the most High,

36 To subvert a man in his cause, the Lord approveth not.

37 Who *is he that* saith, and it cometh to pass, *when* the Lord commandeth *it* not?

38 Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not evil and good?

39 Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?

Prepare Your Mind

The verses for this lesson from the book of Lamentations express Jeremiah's grief for his homeland. The words follow a poetic form that we would call an acrostic today. In contrast to most of the book, it is refreshing to read hopeful thoughts in verses 19-39. Amid Jeremiah's lament comes a passage of hope. If you search, you will discover that the mourning prophet's words have inspired many songs.



Supplies

- poster board
- construction paper
- scissors
- pencils or markers
- acrostic poem examples

Prepare Your Heart

As you prepare to teach, rely on God for hope and compassion for your students.



Prepare the Room

Find or create **acrostic poem examples** for the lesson. On **poster board**, **print** the math problem $22+22+22$ in a column, using large numerals.



Suggested Song ⌚ 5 min

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (Chisholm)

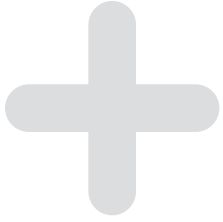


Glossary

compassion: a concern for others' pain along with a desire to help

hope: being sure that what God has promised will happen

lament: to show grief, sorrow, or regret; a song or poem that laments something



Conversation Starter

What's something that makes you feel sad or angry?
If you lost something or someone special, that might make you upset.
What are things that might help you feel better about it?

Bible Lesson ⌚ 15–20 min



When people are very unhappy about something, it sometimes helps to talk about their problems. Prayer is one way to do that. We can tell God how we feel, and He will listen. God cares about us and wants to hear about the things that upset us. The Bible records many people asking God for help or talking to Him about their sadness. These parts of the Bible are called laments.

Can you imagine feeling so sad that you want to cry all the time? The prophet Jeremiah is sometimes called the “weeping prophet.” Jeremiah told God’s people to worship only God, but they didn’t listen. Jeremiah tried many things to get them to change. He once smashed a pottery jar and told the people that God would smash their city just like the jar if they didn’t change. The people *still* didn’t listen. Eventually, God sent an enemy to destroy Jerusalem and take God’s people to a faraway land.

That made Jeremiah sad. He wrote many prayers about being sad. He put them together in a book in the Bible called Lamentations. He organized his written prayers into poems with 22 verses.

Have you ever written an acrostic poem at school? An acrostic is a poem that has letters spelling a word or in alphabetical order at the beginning of each line. (🔗 Show examples.) Jeremiah’s language was Hebrew. He used the alphabet letters from Hebrew to begin each line. We have 26 letters in our English alphabet. How many letters do you think are in the Hebrew alphabet? (Allow a few guesses.) If you guessed 22, you’re right!

One of Jeremiah’s poems had 66 lines in it. (🔗 Show math problem and add.) That equals 22 plus 22 plus 22. Our verses for today are from that long poem. Maybe this one had more verses because there was something more than sadness in it. That something special was hope in God’s love.

At the beginning of this poem, Jeremiah’s prayers are full of sadness. He had seen terrible things. He believed that God had him walking in darkness. Jeremiah felt as if God were ignoring him. He didn’t have hope for things to ever get better.

Jeremiah asked God to remember all he went through while warning God’s people about their sin. He let God know that he worshipped Him. Jeremiah told God that he had hope in God’s love when he remembered better times.

Hope is being sure that what God has promised will happen. Jeremiah had hope because he trusted God to love and take care of him as He had promised. Jeremiah praised God’s goodness. He said that God’s mercy, or compassion, does not fail and is new every morning. He praised God for His faithfulness. Compassion is concern for others’ pain along with a desire to help.

Have you ever felt terribly sad? Did you try talking to God? Jeremiah’s prayers show us how to have hope even when we are sad. When we pray, we can tell God about the bad things and thank Him for good things in our lives.

When we pray, we can ask for forgiveness. Jesus took away our sins on the cross. When we tell God we are sorry and decide to obey Jesus, it feels like a new day full of hope.

Review Questions

1. What was special about Jeremiah's long poem? (It had hope in God's love.)
2. Why did Jeremiah have hope? (He trusted God to love and take care of him as He had promised.)
3. What should we tell God when we pray? (both bad and good things)

Explaining the Memory Verse

Jeremiah's words tell us that God will not fail us. His compassion and love will not stop even though we make mistakes. When He forgives us, everything is new. God will be faithful, and He will be with us always.



Activity: Hope Says ⌚ 5-10 min

Have the children stand to play a Simon Says-style game. Say, "I hope you will _____ [sit, wiggle, jump, pat your head, and so forth]." If you do not use the word "hope" and children move, then they are out. Have the winner(s) pass out papers for the handcraft.

Next Steps

God loves to hear from us. We can pray to Him and tell Him everything. If we are upset, He cares. When we are happy and want to thank Him, that pleases God. If you see a sad friend this week, offer to pray with and for him or her.

Christ Focus

Jesus was sad about His coming death on the cross, and He talked to God about it (see Luke 22:39-44).

Prayer Points

- Thank God for loving us even when we are sad. •
- Thank God for giving us hope during bad times. •



Handcraft: HOPE Acrostic ⌚ 10 min

Help children as needed.

Instructions:

1. Print a word or phrase that reminds you of something in the lesson or Bible that starts with *H*.
2. Print a word or phrase that reminds you of something in the lesson or Bible that starts with *O*.
3. Repeat for the letters *P* and *E*.
4. Share your poem with the class.

SUPPLIES:

- construction paper
- scissors
- pencils or markers

PREP: Cut out large hearts out of **construction paper**. Print the letters *H*, *O*, *P*, and *E* in a column on the left side of each heart. Prepare an example of a hope acrostic. Students may need help coming up with words and phrases.