

LESSON PLAN

LOST PEOPLE

Genesis 1-3 & Romans 1

Lesson Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 4:3 - "If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost."

Lesson Aim: To teach children to fear the awful results of sin so that they will run from sin and seek God.

Lesson Plan: Use the KEY – HE – SEE – WE – BE plan (explained in the Introductory Notes).

KEY (for Attention): Have any of you ever been lost? (Allow them time to share their experiences.) I am going to tell you a story about a man that got lost. One day he decided to drive to a distant city. He did not bother to look at the map. He was sure that he knew the right roads to take. But at one place he made a wrong turn. Instead of driving toward the city, he was driving out into deserted country. He was headed for a hot, dry desert. Thinking that everything was fine, the man was enjoying the scenery. He did not realize that he was getting farther and farther away from gas stations and restaurants. He did not understand that soon he would run out of gas and find himself out in the desert all alone, hungry, hot and lost. The man was in danger, yet he did not even know it. There are many people like that today. They think they are on their way to Heaven, but they have not looked into God's Word, the map that shows the way to Heaven. They have not turned from their sins and asked Jesus to save them. They are trusting in their church or in their good deeds to save them. Those people are in great danger because they are headed for Hell, even though they do not realize it. The Bible says that they are lost.

HE (for Authority): Our memory verse explains why people are lost and going to Hell. They are lost because they do not know the gospel, the good news that Jesus will save them from their sins so they can go to Heaven. This good news is hidden from lost people. Who is hiding it from them? (The god of this world; Satan) He is hiding this good news from lost people. He does not want sinners to be freed from their sins and be with God in Heaven. He wants lost people to remain with him and not go to Heaven.

SEE (for Apperception) and WE (for Application): PLEASE do not read these comments until you have read the Scripture for this lesson. First let the Holy Spirit teach you directly from His Word. In our lesson today, I want you to learn how people got lost and how they can be found.

OUTLINE OF THE DOCTRINE

I. How All People Got Lost in Sin – Gen 1-3.

A. God created Adam and Eve in His image – 1:26-27.

1. God created Adam and Eve in His likeness to have fellowship with them. They could hear and speak; they could think and make decisions; and Adam was made the ruler of the earth.
2. God created them in holiness; no sin was in them. They were able to think and act in ways that pleased God. They were created very good – Gen 1:31.
3. God met with them in the cool of the day, in the morning, no doubt to have fellowship with them and to give them counsel – 3:8.

B. God gave Adam and Eve one command – 2:15-17.

1. God made them with a free will; they had the ability to choose right or wrong.
2. God told them not eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil – Gen 2:17

C. Adam and Eve did not obey God's command – 3:1-8.

1. (Tell how both of them were led to eat of the forbidden tree and sin against God – 3:1-6.)
2. They showed their guilt as soon as they ate of the forbidden fruit: they made clothes to hide their nakedness from each other and they hid in the garden to hide their nakedness from God – 3:7-8.

D. Adam and Eve were punished for their sins – 2:17; 3:16-24

1. They died spiritually that day; they were separated from God – 2:17. They no longer could talk to God in fellowship as they had done before they sinned. Now they were alone in the world.
2. Each of them received punishments that caused grief and pain until their physical death – 3:16-19; 5:5. Physical death is the separation of a person's spirit from his body.
3. They were put out of the Garden of Eden – Gen 3:22-24
4. Adam's sin nature is passed to all of his children, so we are born sinners - Rom 5:12.
5. People who keep their sins will be lost forever in the lake of fire - Rev 21:8.

II. Lost People Are Not Looking for God – Rom 1:18-23.

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- A. **They suppress the truth about God – 1:18-20.** They try to forget what they know about God.
- B. **They do not enjoy God so they do not glorify Him – 1:21.** They enjoy the pleasures of sin.
- C. **They do not understand God or His ways because their foolish heart is darkened – 1:21-22.**
- D. **They change the glory of God into images of creatures that He made – 1:23**
- E. **They turn away from the eternal, almighty God to seek the passing pleasures of this world.**

Examples: fathers seek to make money; mothers seek money and have nice homes; children seek to be popular, have the latest electronic toys; have fun and have the latest fads in clothes. People are interested in all the things the world offers, but they do not want God, to read His Word, to pray or to go to church and learn about Him. (NOTE: The above mentioned interests are wrong when they are more important to us than God – Mt 6:33; 1 Cor 10:31; 1 Jn 2nd 15-17.)

III. **God Is Not Willing that Lost People Perish – 2 Pet 3:9.** He has done what is needed to save them.

- A. **He and His Son seek lost people to worship Him – Jn 4:3-42; Lk 5:32; 19:10; Mt 11:28.**
- B. **He sent His Son to die on the cross for the sins of lost people - Jn 3:14-18; 1 Pet 2:24.**
- C. **He sent the Holy Spirit to convict people of their lost condition- Jn 16:7-11.**
- D. **He desires all lost people to be saved –1 Tim 2:1-7.** They must make the decision to be saved.

IV. **Lost People Can Be Found**

A. **They must seek God - Isa 55:6-7; Jn 6:45; Acts 10** Lost people are able to seek God since He is working on their hearts to believe Him and receive His Son. But they must seek Him while He may be found and call on Him while He is near. They must leave their wicked ways and come to Him for salvation. Jesus said that all people are taught of God and those that have learned of the Father will come to Him. Cornelius is a good example of a man seeking God and being found (Acts 10).

B. **They must repent of their sins - Acts 3:19; 26:20.**

C. **They must receive Jesus as their Savior - Jn 1:12; 14:6; Act 4:12; 1 Jn 5:11-13.**

APPLICATION OF THE DOCTRINE: How Naaman Came to God – 2 Kings 5:1-17

I. **Naaman was a lost man; he did not know the Lord God.**

WE: We are lost if we have not received Jesus as our Savior. .

II. **Naaman did not know God nor did he seek Him. He was interested in power, riches, war, etc.**

WE: We are like Naaman if anything in this world is more attractive to us than Jesus Christ.

III. **Naaman had leprosy, but learned that a prophet in Israel could heal his leprosy.**

- A. God let an Israelite girl be captured by the Syrians; she became the servant to Naaman's wife
- B. God used this servant girl to tell Naaman's wife about God's prophet who could heal his leprosy.

WE: We can see how God works to get His message to a lost person who is ready to seek Him.

IV. **Naaman went to Israel to be healed of his leprosy.**

- A. He went to Israel's king (wrong man), but Elisha invited Naaman to see him (right man).
- B. He was told to dip seven times in the Jordan River to be healed (right plan), but he became angry and thought the prophet should have healed him in a different way (wrong plan).
- C. His servants convinced him to repent (right words); he obeyed Elisha's word (right decision).
- D. He dipped seven times in the river; on the seventh dip, he was healed of leprosy (right action).
- E. He was so amazed with God's power to heal him that he chose Him to be his God (right choice).

BE (for Action): Are we commanded to seek God? (Yes, in Isaiah 55:6). We can seek God because He is seeking us. He wants all of us to be saved (1 Tim 2:4) and none to perish (2 Pet 3:9). Since God wants all of us to be saved, have all of you received Jesus as your Savior? Is He the most important person in your life? If not, you may still need to be saved. See me after class and we can talk about it. (Pray)