Teacher's Manual

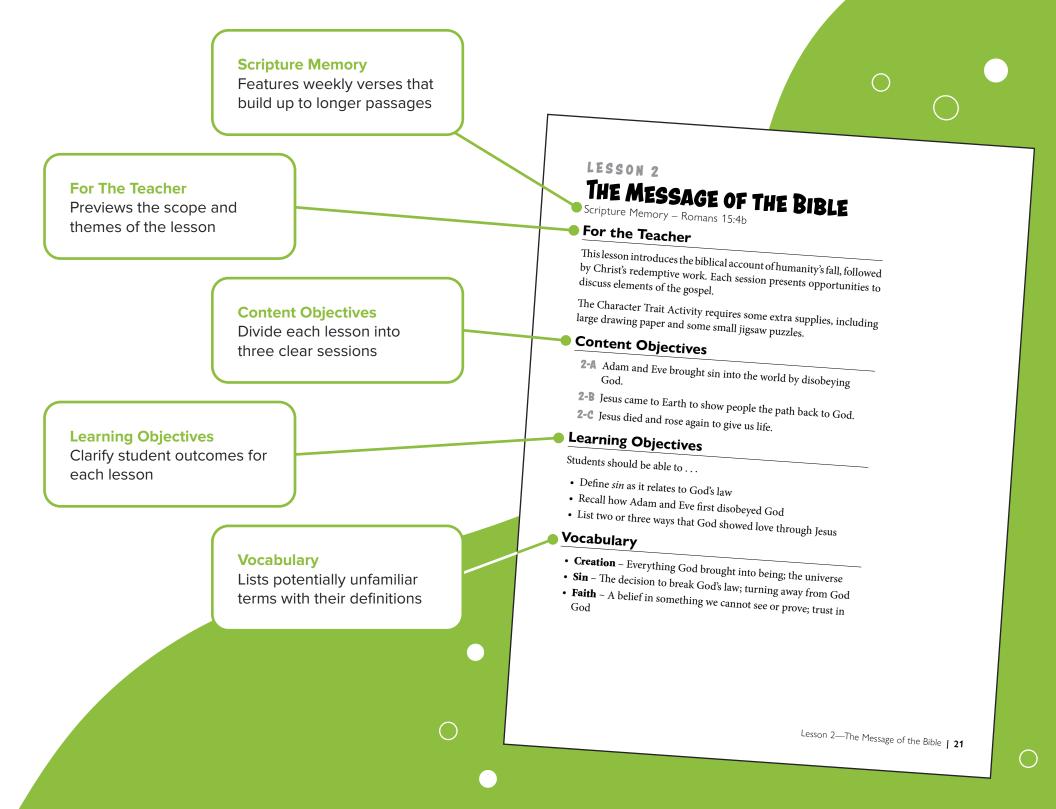
We've expanded the teaching material with ...

Content and learning objectives

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- Structured sessions for weekly planning
- Clear integration with Student Manual exercises
- New activities and read-aloud stories to help students
 discuss and apply character traits
- Straightforward introductions to new vocabulary
- Optional Scripture memory and hymn introductions

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Teacher Prompts

Suggest teaching strategies within each session

SESSION 12-A ESAU FORGIVES JACOB

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Review: Jacob and Esau did not have a very good relationship.

- When the twins were born, Jacob was holding Esau's heel, almost as if Jacob was trying to trip his brother up (cf. Gen. 25:26).
- After the twins were grown, Jacob convinced Esau to sell his birthright (cf. Gen. 25:29-34).
- And finally, Jacob tricked his father
- into giving him Esau's blessing (cf. Gen. 27:24-29).

Esau then promised to kill Jacob, so Isaac and Rebekah sent Jacob away to live in Haran. Now, about 20 years later, Jacob was coming back home.

Discuss: Read Genesis 32:6-8 again. What do you think Esau was planning? What was Jacob thinking?

This exercise (SM pp. 56–57) asks students to respond with short answers. Consider letting students complete the exercise in pairs or small groups.

Prompt: Complete the exercise in section 12-A of your Student Manual.

As you review the answers together, ask individuals or groups to share some of their responses.

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Discuss: Look again at Genesis 33:8. When Jacob talked about favor or grace, what was he looking for? What did he want from

Esau?

Favor / Grace

Special blessings or kindness; goodwill

Discuss: Could God have taken care of Jacob even if Esau hadn't forgiven him?

Explain: Read Genesis 33:18–20 again.

• Twenty years earlier, when Jacob saw angels going up and down from heaven, God had promised to bring Jacob safely back to Canaan (cf. Gen. 28:14-15).

• Now, Esau had chosen to forgive Jacob

and show him mercy.

Mercy

Kindness and compassion toward someone who might not deserve it

- Now that Jacob was safely back home, he realized that God had fulfilled His
- promise. • The name El-Elohe-Israel means "God of Israel." Jacob was honoring God for His goodness and mercy. God would be
- Israel's own God forever.

Target Truth

God works through the mercy of others.

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Vocabulary Boxes

Highlight unfamiliar terms for class discussion

Target Truths

Express devotional thoughts in one simple takeaway