



SUNDAY MORNING ESSENTIALS

Winter High School Lesson Schedule

Date	Lesson #
10/27	7
11/3	8
11/10	9
11/17	10
11/24	11
12/1	No Essentials
12/8	12
12/15	13
12/22	No Essentials
12/29	No Essentials
1/5	14
1/12	15
1/19	16
1/26	17



AMPLIFY: WORSHIP
LESSON 7

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Dear Parents,

This week we finished our Bible study series on worship. Your student has been on a journey through both the Old Testament and the New Testament to discover what God says about our worship response to the encounters we have with Him. Remember, your teenager has a total of 9 devotions, 3 for each lesson, to help him or her further search for what it means to be a true worshipper. It would be a great idea for you to consider reading those same devotions.

I appreciate you keeping your teenager involved in these studies. Always remember that even though your teenager is part of an awesome youth group, you as the parent still have the greatest influence on their lives. Make worship a priority in the life of your family and be sure to reinforce the idea that worship can take place any time we have an encounter with God.

Next Steps . . .

To help your student better grasp the Biblical meaning of worship, take some time this week to ask the following questions:

- **What new things did you learn about worship during this series?**
- **How did this series change the way you think about where worship takes place?**
- **What are some things you plan to do to create more encounters with God?**

Again, thank you so much for leading your teenager closer to Christ. As always, please let me know what I can do to help.





AMPLIFY: GOD'S WORD
LESSON 8

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Dear Parents,

This week we started our three-week series on God's Word. The lesson was entitled "The Word at Work," and its purpose was to help our students gain a more full understanding of what we mean by God's Word, as well as challenging them to evaluate their own attitudes toward the Bible and the role it plays in their lives.

We looked at the following Scripture passages:

- **Genesis 1:1-3**
- **Psalm 33:6**
- **Matthew 8:23-27**
- **Genesis 12:1-4**
- **Mark 1:16-20**
- **2 Timothy 3:16-17,**
- **Isaiah 55:10-11**

Please take a few minutes this week to read these passages that helped us learn more about God's Word.

Next Steps . . .

As you're going about life over the course of the next few days, strike up a conversation with your teenager using these or similar questions:

- **You were asked in your youth group time to talk about your attitude toward studying the Bible. What did you say? (Make it a point to share your own attitude about engaging with the Bible. If it could be more positive, work with your teenager to make some changes together. If it's in a healthy place, help your child know how you got to this place.)**
- **Can you do the right thing and still be motivated by the wrong reasons? Do you think God wants you to read your Bible out of a sense of obligation or habit? Or something deeper? Just food for thought . . .**
- **As a family, how do we do at elevating God's Word to a place of importance in our daily lives? What are some "doable" actions we can take to make God's Word more of a priority for us?**

If you have any questions about anything, please don't hesitate to call me. Have a great week!



AMPLIFY: GOD'S WORD
LESSON 9

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Dear Parents,

This week we continued our three-week series on God's Word. This lesson was entitled "The Word In The World," and its purpose was to help our students see that Jesus' person, ministry, and teachings represent the fullness of God's word to us. We tried to help them see how they are to be communicating God's Word in their day-to-day lives.

We looked at the following Scripture passages:

- **John 1:1-2, and 14**
- **Revelation 19:11-13**
- **Acts 6:1-7, 8:4, and 12:24**
- **2 Corinthians 4:1-2**

Please take a few minutes this week to read these passages that helped us learn more about God's Word.

Next Steps . . .

As you're going about life over the course of the next few days, ask these questions to your teenager:

- **What did you learn about God's Word this week that stood out to you? What do you remember talking about that was interesting?**
- **You were challenged to be really intentional about how you communicate the Gospel and talk about the Bible in general. Can you think of a time when anyone was ever sneaky or disrespectful or manipulative with God's Word? (If you have any thoughts, you could share them here as well.) What effect did that have on you? Did it make you want to follow God's Word more or less?**
- **What can we do as a family to be more open and authentic about how we express our faith in our community?**

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AMPLIFY: GOD'S WORD
LESSON 10

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This week we wrapped up our three-week series on God's Word. This final lesson was entitled "The Word and Us." Its purpose was to help our students would understand that as Christ-followers, God's Word must be at the center of their lives. They were challenged to discover (or re-discover) a joy for encountering God in His Word.

We looked at the following Scripture passages:

- **John 1:1-2, and 14**
- **Matthew 7:24-27**
- **James 1:22-25**
- **Psalm 119:11, 14, 97, 105**

Please take a few minutes this week to read these passages that helped us learn more about God's Word.

Next Steps . . .

As you're going about life over the course of the next few days, ask these questions to your teenager:

- **Do you think you're in a good place when it comes to your time reading God's Word?**
- **What can I do to help you in this area?**
- **Would you be open to both of us committing to reading a specific book or devotional plan together? That way we could make sure we were both on track. (If you aimed to do this let your teenager have a role in choosing the plan or the book.)**

If you have any questions about anything, please don't hesitate to call me. Have a great week!



AMPLIFY: OBEDIENCE
LESSON 11

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Dear Parents,

Hello again! This week we started on our three-lesson adventure understanding what obedience in our relationship with Christ really means. This week's lesson was a really awesome time of fellowship and learning. I hope your child enjoyed it.

This week the lesson was entitled "Obedience Leads to Life," and it focused on helping students understand that the foundation of their relationship with God is built on obedience to His commands.

We looked at the following Scripture passages:

- **Genesis 2:8-9, 15-17**
- **Deuteronomy 4:1-2**
- **Psalms 119:89-93**
- **Psalms 119:15-16, 18, 24**

You'll enjoy reading these powerful passages that help us understand how obedience has always been God's plan to bring us closer to Him.

Next Steps . . .

During the next week as you have time to talk with your teenager, consider asking the following questions:

- **You talked a lot about God's plan for obedience, and how it is the foundation of our relationship with Him. How is this hard for you? (You might consider helping your teenager understand where this is hard for you, as well.)**
- **What is something you can do this week to help you trust God more deeply, so it makes it easier to be obedient to Him? How can I help you with that?**
- **Would you say you find freedom in your obedience to God? Why or why not?**

Thank you for the support you give your child and our ministry. Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.



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AMPLIFY: OBEDIENCE
LESSON 12

Dear Parents,

Hello again! We're already on our second week of our three-week series on obedience. This week's lesson was another great time spent studying God's Word together.

This week, the lesson was entitled "Jesus Is the Perfect Son," and it focused on helping students understand that it was out of love that Christ chose to be obedient to the Father and go to the cross. This obedience showed us that our love for Jesus is what should compel us to follow Him.

We looked at the following Scripture passages:

- **Romans 5:15-21**
- **Hebrews 5:8-10**
- **Hebrews 4:14-16**
- **John 14:23-24**

You'll enjoy reading these powerful passages that demonstrate Christ's obedience to the Father and what that means for each of us. We see the contrast in Adam's disobedience, followed by the obedience of Jesus. We're called to obey Jesus out of love. Sometimes we can get so hung up on simply trying to "do what God wants" we miss it isn't about a list of do's and don'ts. Instead, the Lord wants us to desire to obey.

Next Steps . . .

During the next week as you have time to talk with your teenager, consider asking the following questions:

- **One of the topics you touched on was how Adam in his disobedience brought the consequences of sin into the world, but Jesus in His obedience brought salvation. How do you see both Adam and Jesus in your actions?**
- **Jesus was tempted to be disobedient in the same way we are, but He overcame it. This sacrifice brought us grace. What do you think about the idea that we can go to the throne of grace with confidence?**
- **How do you think we can show Christ we love him by following what He tells us? This is hard, what do you think you can do to walk this out practically?**

Look for another letter from me next week helping you wrap up your discussions with your teenager.





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AMPLIFY: OBEDIENCE
LESSON 13

Dear Parents,

Hello again! We just finished our third week of our three-week series on obedience. All in all, it was a great few weeks of study, one in which we learned a great deal.

This week, the lesson was entitled "Free to Obey," and it focused on helping students understand what a heart of obedience really is. We looked at the reality that we could still act like we are "slaves" to sin, even though we have been set free to be close to Christ.

We looked at the following Scripture passages:

- **Romans 6:15-22**
- **Galatians 5:13**

You'll enjoy reading these powerful passages that demonstrate God's amazing plan to bring us into His obedience.

Next Steps . . .

During the next week as you have time to talk with your teenager, consider asking the following questions:

- **You talked a lot about the fact that just because we have a relationship with Jesus, it doesn't mean we can just live however we want. What do you think about this?**
- **What do you think are the practical differences between being a "slave to sin" and a "slave to righteousness" in your own life?**
- **Do you feel like you sometimes serve two masters? Why or Why not?**
- **What are some ways I can help you make decisions that bring you closer to the Lord?**

Thank you for all you do. You'll be hearing from me in the next few weeks as we start another unit of study. God bless!





AMPLIFY: GOD'S MERCY
LESSON 14

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Dear Parents,

Hello again! This week we started on our three-lesson series on God's mercy. This week's lesson was a really awesome time of fellowship and learning. I hope your teenager enjoyed it.

This week the lesson was entitled "A Merciful God." In this lesson, we helped students to understand that God is a merciful God, showing goodness to those in need. We challenged them to see God as the main and first source they turn to when they find themselves in need.

We looked at the following Scripture passages:

- **Psalm 25:4-7**
- **Psalm 6:8-10**
- **2 Samuel 24:10-17**

You'll enjoy reading these powerful passages that help us understand how mercy is an integral part of God's character.

Next Steps . . .

During the next week as you have time to talk with your teenager, consider asking the following questions:

- **Can you define mercy? How is it different than God's grace or His love? How is it similar?**
- **How do we know God is merciful?**
- **Who do you turn to when you are in need? How can I help encourage you to think of God as the first place you go when you're in a trial?**

Thank you for the support you give your child and our ministry. Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.





AMPLIFY: GOD'S MERCY
LESSON 15

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Dear Parents,

Hello again! We're already on the second week of our three-week series on mercy. This week's lesson was another great time spent studying God's Word together.

This week, the lesson was entitled "Mercy Displayed," and it showed students that Jesus' mission of redemption was born out of God's great mercy. We helped students define how God's mercy shown through the cross changes the way they see themselves, God, and the world.

We looked at the following Scripture passages:

- **Ephesians 2:1-5**
- **Matthew 9:27-31**

You'll enjoy reading these powerful passages that help us understand how mercy is an integral part of God's character.

Next Steps . . .

During the next week as you have time to talk with your teenager, consider asking the following questions:

- **If someone had never heard of the Gospel and Jesus' death on the cross, how would you explain it to them?**
- **How would you say that Jesus' rescue mission demonstrated God's mercy?**
- **You were challenged this week to consider how God's mercy shown through the cross changes the way you see yourself, God, and the world. How did you answer?**

Look for another letter from me next week helping you wrap up your discussions with your teenager.





AMPLIFY: GOD'S MERCY
LESSON 16

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Dear Parents,

Hello again! We just finished the third week of our three-week series on God's mercy. All in all, it was a great few weeks of study, one in which we learned a great deal.

This week, the lesson was entitled "Mercy Through Us," and it demonstrated to students that as people who have been on the receiving end of God's great mercy, we are to show mercy to others. We encouraged students to evaluate their own lives, considering their actions, and answer the question, "Am I a merciful person"?

We looked at the following Scripture passages:

- **Matthew 5:7**
- **2 Corinthians 1:1-4**

Next Steps . . .

During the next week as you have time to talk with your teenager, consider asking the following questions:

- **What is the biggest thing keeping you from showing mercy to others?**
- **How as a family can do a better job of helping those in need?**
- **What has this series on God's mercy taught you about how you see those around you?**

Thank you for all you do. You'll be hearing from me in the next few weeks as we start another unit of study. God bless!





AMPLIFY: EVANGELISM
LESSON 17

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Dear Parents,

Hello again! This week we began our series on evangelism. This week's lesson was a really awesome time of fellowship and learning. I hope your child enjoyed it. This week's lesson was entitled "God of Relationship." The point of the lesson is that our students would understand that God has always had a heart for being in relationship with all of humankind, and this truth should cause their own love for God to grow, and impact the way they view other people.

We looked at the following Scripture passages:

- **Genesis 1:26-31**
- **Genesis 3**
- **Genesis 12:1-4**
- **Exodus 19:3-6**
- **Deuteronomy 7:6-7**
- **Psalm 8**
- **Isaiah 42:6-7**
- **Luke 2:25-32**
- **John 3:16**

You'll notice that we looked at a lot of Scripture this week! This is because we wanted to have students understand the grand and complex plan that God put in place to rescue His people because of His great love for us.

Next Steps . . .

During this week as you have time to talk with your teenager, consider asking the following questions:

- **This week you talked a lot about how much God values you and wants to be in relationship with you. How have you experienced God's love toward you? How have you experienced evidence that He values you? (Be prepared to share your own answers here.)**
- **How can you personally and we as a family use the ways we have been blessed to be a blessing to others?**
- **God wants to use you as part of His plan to rescue others. Who has God put in your life that is in need of God's love and grace?**
- **How can you use your blessings, actions, words, and prayer life to begin to reach out to those people? What can I do to help you make an impact on his or her life? Is there more our family could be doing in this area?**

Thank you for all you do. If you have any questions about anything, please don't hesitate to call me.

