

### Scripture Memory

Features weekly verses that build up to longer passages

### For The Teacher

Previews the scope and themes of the lesson

### Content Objectives

Divide each lesson into three clear sessions

### Learning Objectives

Clarify student outcomes for each lesson

### Vocabulary

Lists potentially unfamiliar terms with their definitions

## LESSON 2

# Seeking God's Word

Scripture Memory – Psalm 119:11–12

### For the Teacher

This lesson emphasizes the way God can use Scripture to correct our wrongdoing. When we study the Bible, we should prepare to be challenged and confronted. Sessions 2-B and 2-C introduce King Josiah as an example of someone who heard God's Word and responded with humility and repentance. Students will read longer passages than they did in the first lesson.

### Content Objectives

- 2-A** Scripture is our best guide to knowing God and ourselves.
- 2-B** God's Law challenged Josiah and the kingdom of Judah to do right.
- 2-C** God blessed Josiah's humility with wisdom and peace from the Word.

### Learning Objectives

- Describe functions of God's Word that parallel imagery from Scripture
- Affirm the importance of Scripture to spiritual growth
- Recall key events that preceded Josiah's reforms
- Discuss essential qualities of humble, selfless leaders

### Vocabulary

- Wisdom** – The ability to use knowledge well; insight and understanding
- Inspiration** – The way God worked through human writers to record Scripture; "God-breathed"
- Doctrine** – An important teaching or belief, often by a religious group
- Reproof / Rebuke** – To tell people that they have done wrong; a mild scolding
- Idolatry** – The practice of worshiping idols or false gods
- Covenant** – A binding agreement between two or more people; a promise

## Session 1-B One Author, One Message

Before asking students to complete this section, consider reading the introduction and answering the first two questions from 2 Peter 1:19–21 as a group (SM p. 7).

**Prompt:** Complete the remaining exercises in section 1-B of your Student Manual.

**Discuss:** How did you describe the Bible in one sentence (SM p. 7)? Now that you've completed these exercises, would you change your answer?

Consider reviewing answers in the table at the bottom of page 7 in the Student Manual. As needed, review the following definitions.

### Tabernacle

In Scripture, a tent compound where God showed His presence to Israel

### Atonement

When something wrong is made right again

**Explain:** In the Old Testament, we read that God chose the people of Israel to be special and different from every other nation on Earth.

- They would be *His* people, and He promised to guide and protect them. He promised them that as long as they obeyed Him and worshiped Him, He would bless them.
- To show their devotion or commitment to God, they had to follow strict rules and rituals. They needed to offer animal sacrifices.

**Discuss:** But Christians today don't follow all of those rituals. Why?

**Explain:** All the rituals of the Old Testament pointed to the coming of Jesus.

- Jesus is God, and He came to Earth to save us from our sins. Every person ever born has sinned. Sin keeps us from knowing and enjoying God.

- But Jesus did nothing wrong. He helped people and taught people about God. He faced many difficult times, but He always did exactly the right thing.

Jesus could therefore take all the punishment for our sins on Himself. He didn't deserve it, but He chose to face God's judgment in our place.

- So He died for our sins while nailed to a wooden cross. He endured a horrible death, and He was buried in a tomb.

- But after that, on the third day, He rose up out of the tomb, fully alive. He had complete power over sin and death. He spoke with His friends again, taught them a few more things, and then ascended into heaven.

- And now, if we accept Jesus' sacrifice—if we trust Him to be our Lord and Savior, if we ask Him to forgive our sins—we will not have to pay the penalty for the bad things we've done. God will welcome us into His family, and He will begin to change us so that we think and act more like Jesus.

- Now that we can read about what He said and did, we don't need to learn through rituals. We don't need to worship God through sacrifices. We believers can talk to Him and sing to Him because we're His children.

### A Better Priest

Read and discuss **Hebrews 7:18–19, 23–27** as time allows. Jesus is infinitely better than Old Testament priests because . . .

- He is a priest forever (vv. 23–24)
- He can save us completely (v. 25)
- He only needed to offer one sacrifice—Himself (v. 27)

### Target Truth

All the Bible points to the work of Jesus.

### Teacher Prompts

Suggest teaching strategies within each session

### Vocabulary Boxes

Highlight unfamiliar terms for class discussion

### Target Truths

Express devotional thoughts in one simple takeaway