

JESUS TEACHES US HOW TO LIVE

MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS UNIT

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind” (Matthew 22:37b, NIV*).

OBJECTIVES OF THIS UNIT

This unit will help the children:• Discover what Jesus taught through his words and example.• Learn to love and trust God by obeying their parents.• Please God by following Jesus’ example and obeying his commands.• Realize that it is much easier to love and obey God by following Jesus’ example.• Learn to trust God when they are fearful.• Learn to forgive people who have hurt them.• Give God the best gifts they can give him: their love and service.

THE REASON WE TEACH THIS UNIT

This unit will help children see the connection between “attitudes” and “actions.” They will discover that Jesus showed that some attitudes and actions, such as trust, obedience to parents, forgiveness, and sincere love are pleasing to God.

Children will also learn about the importance of being obedient to their parents. God considered it so important that He included it in the Ten Commandments. Jesus, the very Son of God, was obedient to his earthly parents, Joseph and Mary.

In the lesson that Jesus Calms the Storm, children will see how Jesus is in control of every situation. Because they are young, they are sometimes fearful of their circumstances. This lesson will teach them not to be afraid and to trust in God.

Additionally, children’ social relations will expand as they themselves grow. They have left the security of their homes and attend school for many hours a day; their world has been opened to new ways of relating to others.

Learning to have good relationships with others is not always easy for children. For this reason, it is important to teach them how to be kind to others (friends, family, neighbors, etc.).

Through studying these lessons, your children will begin searching for ways to be like Jesus.