

# Little Pilgrims in God's World

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# Lesson 1:

## A Holy People

**Hebrews 13:14** — For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

God's people are holy. **Holy means to be special to God.** Because God's people are holy, He has a very special plan for them. Everyone who believes that Jesus died on the cross for his or her sins is one of God's holy people. Do you believe Jesus died on the cross for your sins? If you believe Jesus died for you, then you are one of God's special people! If you do not believe, then you can pray to God right now. Ask Him to help you believe and to take away all your sins! This book will teach you why it is so important to believe that Jesus died on the cross for your sins. It will also help show you how amazing it is to be one of God's holy people.

The story of God's special people is told in the Bible. In the first part of the Bible, the Old Testament, God chose a group of people called Israel to be His own special people. Of all the groups of people, or nations, in the entire world, God chose Israel to be holy. Only Israel was a holy nation. To show the world that Israel was holy, God did many amazing things for His people. He pun-



ished the nation of Egypt for making the Israelites slaves. He turned a big sea into dry ground so Israel could walk through that sea to escape from Egypt. God then defeated many other nations who wanted to hurt Israel.

### Questions:

- To be holy means you are \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
- You are one of God's special people if you believe Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ on the cross for your sins.
- In the Old Testament, God's special people were the \_\_\_\_\_.

### Activities:

- Think of the amazing ways God took care of His people, Israel.
- Turn to page 1 in the *Activity Book*. Color the picture of when the angel of death passed over the Israelites' homes. This shows a time when God protected His people from the last plague He sent on Egypt.

## Lesson 3: The Church

**Galatians 3:26, 29 — For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus....**

And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Now God's special people have a new name. They are called the church, and the church has people in it from every nation on earth, not just Israel. This includes people in the United States, Egypt, China, Brazil, and the United Kingdom, which you will read about later. God's special people have the same job as Israel did in the Old Testament. He wants us to be salt and light in this world. This means God wants us to be a godly example to all the people in our lives of what it means to be chosen by God. This is a very hard job. Actually, that job is impossible for us without God's help. That is why God wants us to trust Him, just as He wanted the Israelites to trust Him when they were wandering in the wilderness.

Sometimes it feels like we are wandering in the wilderness. We get tired, hungry, and sad. At times, it seems like God has forgotten to take care of us. It is at those times that we need to remember that we are God's special people. He has a special plan just for us. We need to trust God. He will not let the bad things that happen get in the way of His plan. To tell the truth, each



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child has a special place in God's plan. You are very good at trusting. Just think of how much you trust that your mom and dad will take care of you. That is why Jesus told His disciples to let the children come and see Him. He said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16).

You are a very important part of God's special people and His special plan. God's special plan for the Israelites included bringing them to live in a special place. He is taking us to a special place, too. That place is where God lives, and we call it heaven. However, we are still living on earth, and we feel like we are wandering in the wilderness. That is why we are called pilgrims. **A pilgrim is someone who goes on a long journey.** Today God's special people are like pilgrims because we know

# Lesson 10: Day 4, The Sun, Moon, and Stars

**Genesis 1:14a** — Then God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night.”

On the fourth day of creation, God created the sun, the moon, and the stars. God said that the sun was to rule over the day, and the moon and stars were to rule over the night by giving light. The sun gives light during the day, and the moon and stars give light during the night.

Did you know the sun is actually a star? A star is like a big ball of very hot, liquid-like fire. Even though the sun is very, very, very far away from the earth, it still keeps the earth warm enough to have living things on it. Without the heat and light produced by the sun, it would be too cold and dark for plants to grow and people to live.

As you know, the sun is only one of many stars. Have you ever gone outside at night and looked up at the sky? On nights when there are no clouds, you will see many, many stars. Have you ever tried to count all the stars you see? If you tried, you would have to give up because there are more stars than anyone can count. Even the people who have the job of watching

the stars do not know how many stars there are in the night sky.

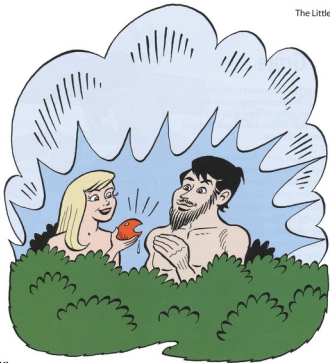
The sun is only one of many stars, but there is only one earth. Earth is the planet people live on. God created the earth to be the perfect distance from the sun. If the earth were any further from the sun, it would get too cold for anything to live on it. If the earth were any closer to the sun, it would get too hot and burn everything living on it.

On the fourth day, God created more stars than anyone can count; but God was thinking about you. God’s plan all along was to create a special place for His special people. There is no other star like the sun. There is no other planet like the earth. There is no other group of people like God’s special people. There is no other god like the God who created the heavens and the earth.

## Questions:

1. On Day 4, God made the sun, moon, and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A star is a big ball of very hot \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The planet we live on is called \_\_\_\_\_.





**Activity:**

- Turn to page 27 of the *Activity Book*. Color the picture of Adam, Eve, and the bush. Remove the page and cut out the picture; then make a diorama using a shoebox or other type of box. Talk about what Adam and Eve did after they had sinned.

**Something Else to Do:**

- Cut out the Bible verse. Punch a hole in the upper left corner and add it to your metal ring.

# Lesson 54: Following God's Rules

**John 14:2-3** — **In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

Let us return to the babysitter story. When the babysitter was giving you popcorn for dinner and putting you to bed late, you should have told her she was being disobedient to your parents and that you must obey your parents. You also need to remember, though, that your parents gave her authority over you. That means when you remind the babysitter about your parents' rules, you need to be very respectful and kind.

God's special people should respond to bad government in the same way. We cannot follow rules that God does not like because God's rules are more important than man's rules. However, God's special people must also be respectful and kind when they show and tell others we must obey God before we obey man. We must also pray for our governments since following God's rules will bring peace. By living according to God's rules, we show the world we are a light in this dark world.

We need to remember that we are pilgrims on this earth. Do you remember what a pilgrim is? While on earth, our faith and trust should first be in God because He is good and perfect. Just as you knew that your parents were coming back from their night out, we know that Jesus is coming back, too. When Jesus comes back, He is going to take us to our real home in heaven. In heaven, God rules over His people, and His rules will protect us and keep us happy forever.

## Questions:

1. We are to respect and obey \_\_\_\_\_ first and above all others.
2. We should remember to \_\_\_\_\_ for our government.
3. God's rules will \_\_\_\_\_ us and keep us happy forever.

## Activity:

- Turn to pages 72 and 73 in the *Activity Book*. Cut out each of the Ten Commandments, put them in order, and glue them on a separate piece of paper or poster board.

## Something Else to Do:

- Cut out the Bible verse. Punch a hole in the upper left corner and add it to your metal ring.





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