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Introduction

Bible Nuggets from A to Z provides thirty-four Bible lessons. Each lesson is designed to be taught for an entire week. One Bible story should be read every day for a week. As your child becomes more familiar with the story as the week goes on, begin to ask the questions that are provided at the end of each story.

A Bible verse for memorization is provided with each week's Bible story. Instructors are encouraged to use as many hand motions as possible when memorizing these verses, as hand motions give the student something physical to connect to the words. If you wish to learn some sign language to use with the verses, a good website to use is aslpro.com. Scroll down to the "Religious Dictionary".

As students continue to hear each Bible story and verse multiple times, they should become quite familiar with both by the end of each week.

This Bible story book follows an A to Z format. It begins with two lessons that

explain the power of the Lord Jesus Christ. These first two lessons emphasize who the Lord Jesus is. Lessons three and following take on an A to Z format, beginning with A is for Adam. Lessons 14 and 25 leave the A to Z format for one week each in order to emphasize the Christmas and Easter stories, respectively. Therefore, lesson thirty is Z is for Zacchaeus. The final four lessons were chosen to emphasize obedience to parents, obedience to God, God's love for little children, and God's power and plan for His people.

Teacher hints are provided in the yellow box at the end of each lesson. The companion *Bible Nuggets Activity Book* includes crafts and activities that will help children remember the lesson.

Although this Bible story book does stand alone, it also works well with the rest of Christian Liberty's preschool program materials. This book is designed to complement the Christian Liberty Preschool program.

Dedication

*To Mom and Dad,
for teaching me the truth.*

Lesson One

Jesus Tells the Storm to Stop

Matthew 8:23–27

One day, Jesus and His disciples got into a boat. They took the boat out into the sea because they wanted to get to the other side of the sea. While they were in the boat, Jesus fell asleep. While Jesus was sleeping, a huge storm came up. Waves were crashing over the boat, and the wind was blowing very strongly. The disciples were afraid. They woke Jesus up and asked Him to save them. They thought they were going to die.

Jesus asked His disciples, “Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?” Then Jesus stood up and told the wind and the sea to be quiet. The wind and the sea obeyed, and the storm stopped. There was a great calm over the sea.

Jesus’ disciples were amazed. They asked each other, “Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”

Memory Verse

Even the winds and the sea obey Him.

-Matthew 8:27b

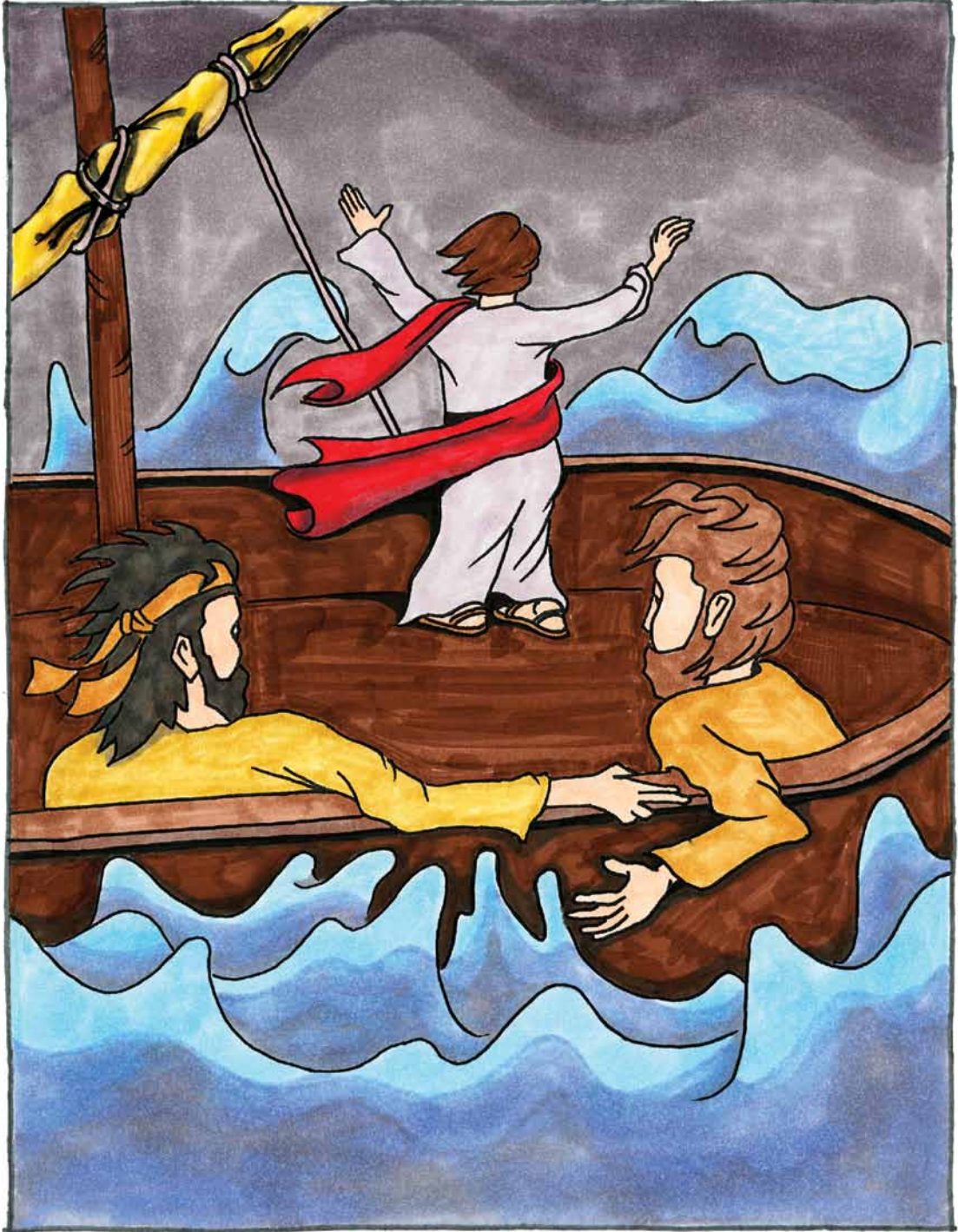
Questions:

- 1) What was Jesus doing when the storm came?
- 2) What did the disciples think was going to happen to them?
- 3) What did Jesus say to the winds and the waves?

Lesson One: Jesus Tells the Storm to Stop

Emphasize that Jesus is the Lord of all creation. Everything in creation obeys Jesus, even the winds and the seas. The disciples saw the power of Jesus

when He told the wind and the sea to obey Him. Jesus Christ is in control of the whole world.



Lesson Two

Feeding the Five Thousand

Mark 6:33–44, John 6:1–13

Jesus was often followed by large crowds of people. One day, when Jesus saw a large crowd waiting for Him, He felt sorry for them. He knew that they were lost, like sheep without a shepherd. They needed to be taught. So He stopped to teach them.

Soon the whole day was gone, and the people were still there. There were five thousand people listening to Jesus. The people were hungry because there was nowhere to get food where Jesus was teaching. Jesus' disciples did not have food for all those people. Because it was so late, the disciples wanted to send the people away so that they could all find food. But Jesus told the disciples to give the people food.

The disciples were not sure what to do, but Jesus asked how much food they had. Jesus' disciple Andrew answered that the only food there belonged to a little boy. The boy had five loaves of bread and two fish. This was not enough food for all of the people, but the boy gave his food to Jesus anyway.

Jesus had the people sit down. Then He took the food, and He thanked the Father for it. Then He gave the food to the people, and all the people ate as much food as they wanted. When the people were done eating, Jesus told His disciples to gather up what was left of the food. The disciples gathered twelve baskets of leftover food.

Memory Verse

For He cares for you.
1 Peter 5:7b

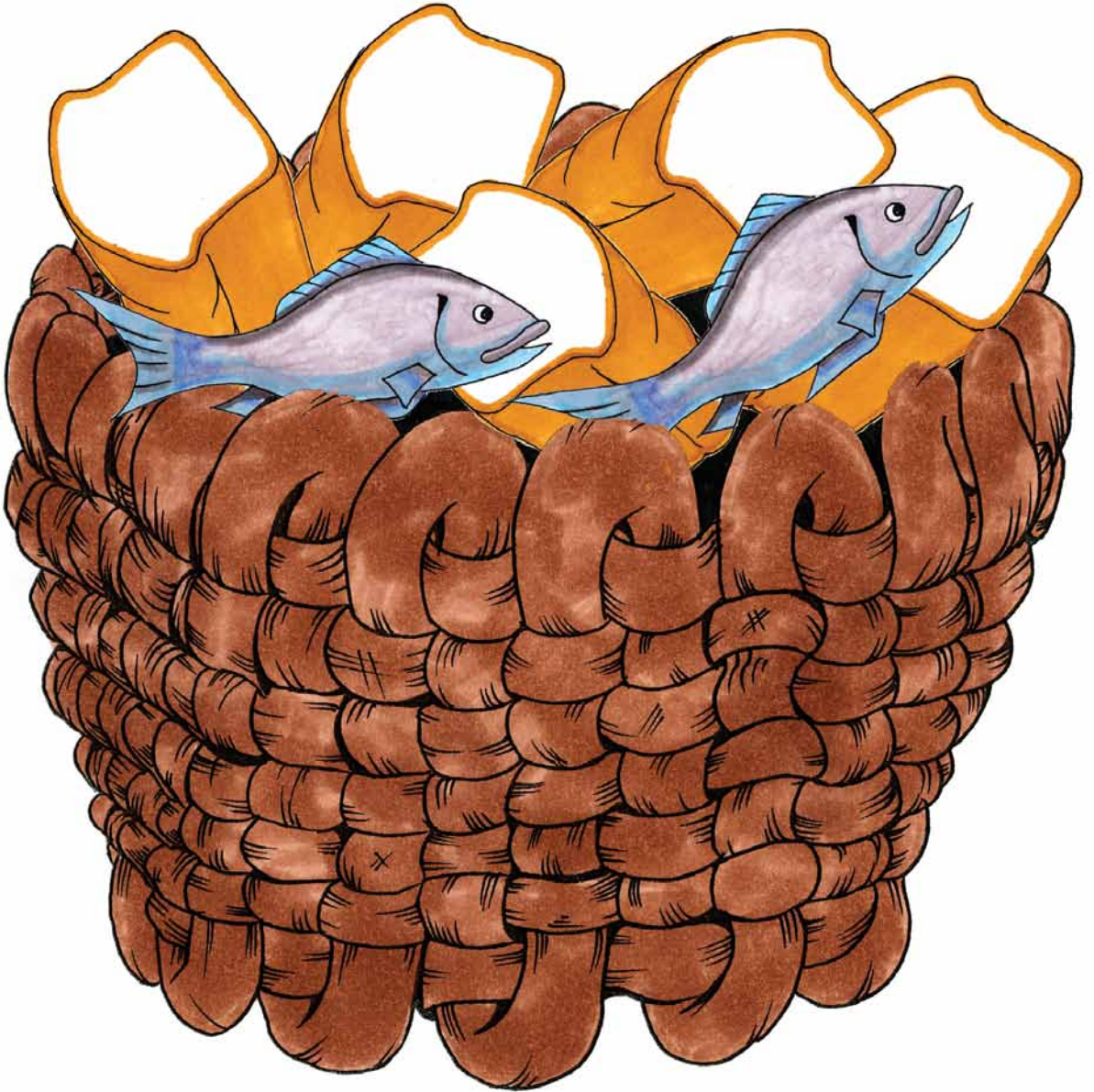
Questions:

- 1) How many people were listening to Jesus?
- 2) Who shared his lunch with Jesus and the people?
- 3) How many baskets of food were left over?

Lesson Two: Feeding the Five Thousand

Emphasize sharing. The little boy shared his food with Jesus, and Jesus made one small boy's food into enough food for five thousand people. Jesus fed the people this way because He cared about them. He

knew that they were hungry, so He provided enough food for all of them. He also thanked His Father for the food. Talk about thanking God for everything He gives us.



Lesson Three

Adam and Eve

Genesis 2 and 3

Adam was the first man that God created. God made Adam out of the dust and breathed life into him. God gave Adam the Garden of Eden to live in. The garden was full of beautiful trees, plants, and animals. When God first created Adam, He gave Adam a very special job. God told Adam to name all of the animals. God brought every animal to Adam so that he could name them all. Adam did a good job.

But Adam did not find a helper for himself among the animals. God wanted Adam to have a helper, so He made Adam fall deeply asleep. He took one of Adam's ribs and made a woman. Adam called the first woman, his wife, Eve. Together, Adam and Eve were supposed to take care of the Garden of Eden. They were happy in the garden.

Adam and Eve were allowed to eat the fruit of any tree that grew in the garden except for the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God told them not to eat the fruit from that tree. But there was a snake in the garden who was very sneaky. One day, the snake came and asked Eve if God had really told her not to eat from the Tree of

Knowledge. Eve said that yes, God had told them not to eat from that tree or they would die. The snake told Eve that if she ate the fruit, she would not die but would become like God and know the difference between good and evil.

Eve saw that the fruit looked good to eat. She took some of the fruit that God had forbidden and ate it. She also gave some to Adam. As soon as Adam and Eve ate the fruit, they knew that they had sinned; this means they disobeyed God's command. God knew it too. Even though Adam tried to say the sin was Eve's fault, and Eve tried to say the sin was the snake's fault, God knew that Adam and Eve had both sinned. Because of their sin, God made Adam and Eve leave the Garden of Eden. And because of the sin that entered the world that day, life became a lot harder for Adam and Eve.

Memory Verse

As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Joshua 24:15b

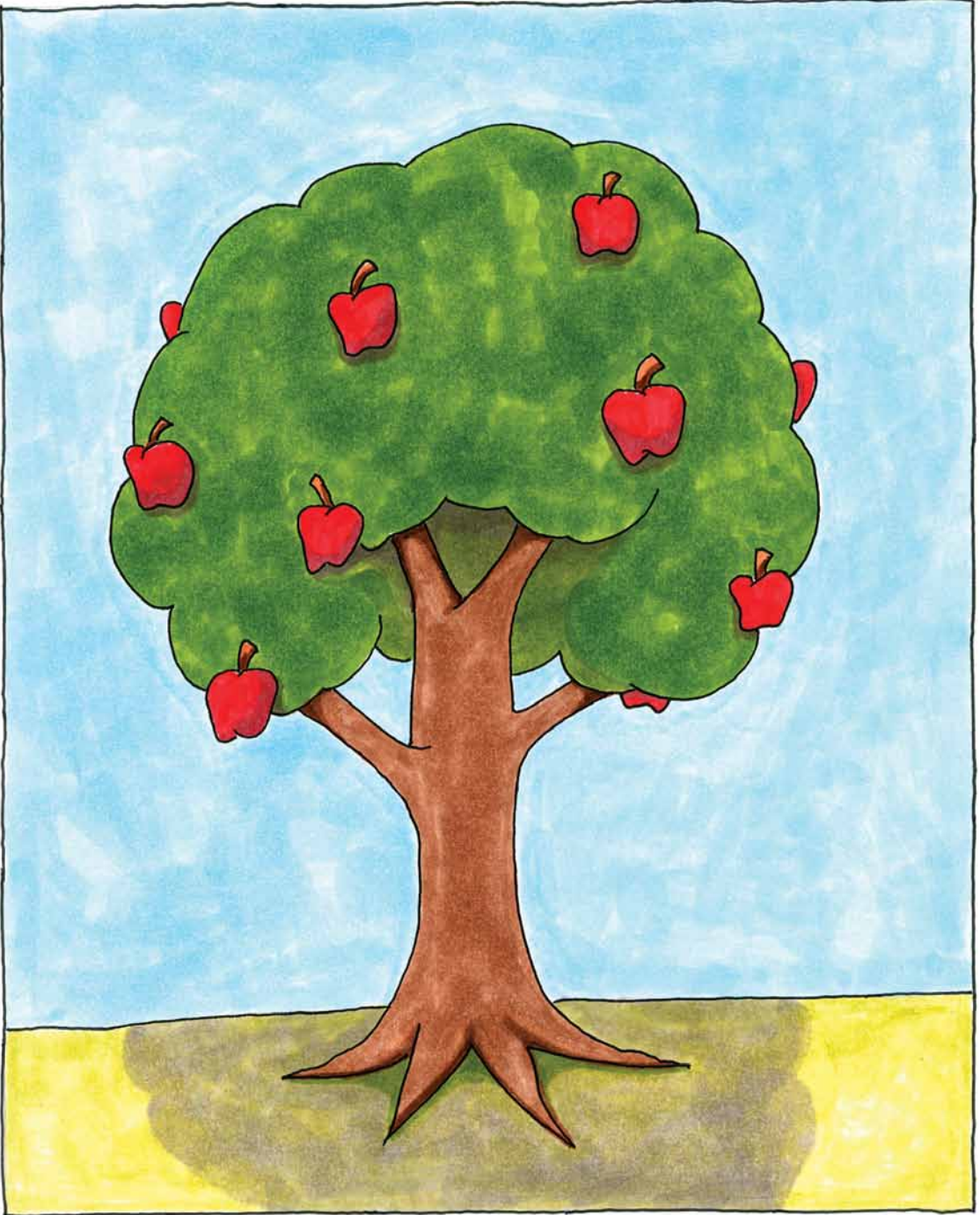
Questions:

- 1) What was Adam made out of?
- 2) What was the name of the garden where Adam and Eve lived?
- 3) What animal was very sneaky?

Lesson Three: Adam and Eve

Emphasize the fact that all men are now sinners. God created a perfect world, but because Adam and Eve sinned, all men are now born as sinners. We all do bad things. But God did not leave us in our sin.

Instead, He sent His Son to die for the sins of His people. Talk about how Jesus saves people from their sins. If we love God, we need to serve Him. If we serve God, then He will bless us.



Lesson Four

Best Buddies: David and Jonathan

1 Samuel 18:1–4, 20:1–42

Saul was the first human king of God’s people Israel. But Saul was a bad king, and God chose a new king to rule His people. The new king’s name was David. But David couldn’t become king until Saul was gone, and Saul didn’t like that God had chosen David to be the new king. David had to run away from Saul because Saul wanted to kill him. He was scared sometimes, and he didn’t always have a lot of friends to help him.

But God gave David one very good friend. David’s friend was named Jonathan. Jonathan and David loved each other as godly friends should. Jonathan showed his friendship by giving David his robe, armor, sword, bow, and belt.

Now Jonathan was King Saul’s son. Jonathan did not like that his dad was chasing David. He knew that God had chosen David to be the next king. When David was scared that Saul was going to kill him, he went to Jonathan. Jonathan tried to stop his dad from being angry with David, but Saul still wanted to kill David. He even got mad at Jonathan

for being David’s friend. But Jonathan knew that he had to protect his friend.

Jonathan told David that he had to run or Saul would kill him. Jonathan and David were both very sad. But Jonathan said to David, “Go in peace, since we have both sworn in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘May the LORD be between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants, forever.’” David and Jonathan were best buddies. They were friends who honored and obeyed God.

Memory Verse

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.
Acts 16:31b

Questions:

- 1) Who was David’s friend and Saul’s son?
- 2) Why did Saul want to kill David?
- 3) How did Jonathan save David from Saul?

Lesson Four: Best Buddies: David and Jonathan

Emphasize godly friendship. David and Jonathan were good friends. They honored God with their friendship, just like we should. David and Jonathan believed God’s promise that David would become

king. They believed that God would do what was right, even when they didn’t understand everything that was happening. Talk about trusting in God in every situation in life.

