

Fall 2015	Grade 3-4-5	Historical Books
	God judges sin but redeems those who faithfully follow His commands. Redemption for all comes through faith in Jesus Christ.	
Bible Story	Israel demanded a king. God planned to send the perfect king	(1 Samuel 8-10)
Point	God provided the first kings to rule His people Israel; Christ, the final King, rules over all people as Savior. Through David's family, God sent Jesus Christ, the Messiah.	
Bible Story	God punished sin and divided Israel into two kingdoms. Sin divided the kingdom, but Christ's perfect Kingdom is forever. Sin divided Solomon's kingdom, but Christ's perfect Kingdom is forever.	(1 Kings 11-12)
Point	King Solomon's sin led to the division of Israel. Every king failed to lead God's people perfectly. God's people needed a better king, a perfect king! Through David's family, God would send His own Son, Jesus Christ, to be King over God's people forever. Jesus would lead the people perfectly back to God.	
Sunday 10/18/15	Elijah confronted Ahab and the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel Yahweh is the one and only true God, worthy of worship. Christ calls people to repentance.	(1 Kings 16:29-31; 18:17-24; 36-40).
Memory Verse	The Lord warned Israel and Judah through all his prophets and seers: "Turn from your evil ways. Observe my commands and decrees, in accordance with the entire Law that I commanded your ancestors to obey and that I delivered to you through my servants the prophets." But they would not listen and were as stiff-necked as their ancestors, who did not trust in the Lord their God.	(1 Kings 17:13-14)
Lesson	Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.	(Ephesians 6:13, NIV)
Point	The prophets called God's people to repentance as Christ calls us to repentance. Elijah called on the power of God to prove to the worshippers of Baal that Yahweh is the one true God. By sending fire from heaven, God displayed His great power. God would use His power years later to raise Jesus from the dead, showing that Jesus is the Son of God.	
Point	"Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. Answer me, Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, Lord, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again."	(1 Kings 18:36-37)
Sunday 10/25/15	Jehoshaphat led the people to obey the Word of God.	(2 Chronicles 17:1-10)
Memory Verse	The Lord was with Jehoshaphat because he followed the ways of his father David before him. He sought the God of his father and followed his commands rather than the practices of Israel. The Lord established the kingdom under his control. His heart was devoted to the ways of the Lord. He sent leaders to teach the Book of the Law of the Law and taught the people. The fear of the Lord fell on all the kingdoms of the surrounding lands, so that they did not go to war against Jehoshaphat.	
Point	Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.	(Mark 16:15)
Point	God sends out leaders to the people to warn of God's judgment but also with messages of hope through Jesus Christ.	
Sunday 11/1/15	Israelites are taken captive by the Assyrian army; Judah taken captive by the Babylonian army. The Northern and Southern Kingdoms were destroyed. God allowed their enemies to capture them.	(2 Kings 17; 2 Chronicles 36)
Memory Verse	Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.	(Galatians 6:7, NIV)
Point	The prophets called God's people to repentance as Christ calls people to repentance. Sin continued to divide and ultimately destroy the kingdoms, but Christ's perfect kingdom is forever. Though it appeared that sin prevailed, the covenant God promised would be fulfilled in Jesus Christ. God righteously punished His people for their sin but remained faithful to them, keeping the promise He made. Ultimately, God punished our sin through His Son, Jesus, and made Him our King forever.	
Point	All this took place because the Israelites had sinned against the Lord their God... though the Lord had said, "You shall not do this." The Lord warned Israel and Judah through all his prophets and seers: "Turn from your evil ways. Observe my commands and decrees, in accordance with the entire Law that I commanded your ancestors to obey and that I delivered to you through my servants the prophets." ... Therefore the Lord rejected all the people of Israel.	(2 Kings 17; 2 Chronicles 36)
Point	God gave them all... until the seventy years were completed in fulfillment of the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah.	
Sunday 11/8/15	The handwriting on the wall. God gave Daniel wisdom and humbles the proud.	(Daniel 5)
Memory Verse	Daniel explains to the last king of Babylon that the writing on the wall is a message that the true God rules over all, and that in his own time he will vindicate his own name against those who defile it, no matter how powerful they are.	
Point	If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.	(2 Chronicles 7:14)
Point	Despite captivity, God used faithful people to continue His plan to provide salvation through Jesus Christ. God used Daniel's wisdom to get the king's attention about his pride. Jesus humbled Himself by dying on the cross for our sin. God raised up Jesus and gave Him honor. When we humble ourselves and trust in Jesus, God will raise us up too, and we will be with Him forever in heaven.	The one true God rules over all.
Point	The Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor. Because of the high position he gave him... But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory... until he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign over all.	(Daniel 4, 5)
Sunday 11/15/15	Ezra read the Law and the covenant was renewed.	(Nehemiah 8:1-12)
Memory Verse	God's Word helped people obey God so they could be holy.	
Point	Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."	(Nehemiah 8:10)
Point	God restored a faithful remnant and reminded them of His promise of a new covenant through Jesus Christ.	
Point	God's Word is powerful. Ezra read God's Word, the people changed their ways and loved God more. The Bible says the Jesus is "the Word." Jesus is God who came to live with people on earth. Jesus has the power to change our hearts.	(Ezra; Nehemiah 8:10)
Sunday 11/22/15	God gives us hope.	(Malachi 1:1, 5, 11; 2:8; 3:1-4)
Memory Verse	God sends a messenger to remind the people that God loves them and that He is a Father, as well as Lord and King over the nations.	
Point	Who is like you, Lord God Almighty? You, Lord, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.	(Psalm 89:8)
Point	God keeps his promises for He is faithful, and He loves us	
Point	Malachi was messenger, a prophet, who told God's people to repent. Malachi also told about another messenger God would send. This messenger, John the Baptist, would call people to repent and get them ready for a final Messenger, Jesus Christ. Jesus would bring good news of salvation.	(Malachi 1-3)
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