

Week

1

Preparing to Teach

Singing prepares children to hear the Bible truths presented in the lesson. What better time than childhood to teach great truths about God and His Word through songs. Be sure to familiarize yourself with each song before introducing it to your children. The words and music are in the *Joyful Singing B* Songbook. The *Trailblazing through God's Word* CD will help you learn unfamiliar songs before you introduce them to the children.

- **Scripture to read**
Num. 27:15–23
Deut. 31:7, 8; 34:9
Josh. 1:1–18
- **Lesson theme**
Obey God's Word
- **Lesson application**
The secret to a successful life is knowing and obeying God's Word.
- **Class memory verse** (new)
"If God be for us, who can be against us?" —Romans 8:31

Note: Be sure to read pp. 6–9 for teaching songs, memory verses, Bible lessons, and other elements of the class time.

Preparing Lesson Materials (marked in bold)

- for **Arrival**
- Tear out **Activity Book p. 1**. Have it ready at each child's place.
 - Have **pencils** and **colored pencils** in containers.
 - Tear out **attendance chart** from inside back cover of each Activity Book. Have **attendance stickers** ready (see center insert).

- for **Songs**
- If possible, practice singing with the CD.
 - Every Day with Jesus* p. 29, track #3
 - Obedience* p. 100, track #12
 - New Walking Down the Heavenly Road* p. 134, track #17
 - My Lord Knows the Way* p. 96, track #11
 - **J-O-Y* p. 83, track #8
 - **I Don't Have to Wait* p. 57, track #5
- } *Joyful Singing B*
Songbook and
Trailblazing through
God's Word CD

- for **Bible Truth**
- Have **Bible Truth questions** ready to use (on inside back cover).

- for **Bible Lesson**
- Study lesson guide and practice telling with **Flash-a-Cards** several times:
Joshua: God's Chosen Leader (Joshua).
(Optional: Trailblazing through God's Word Wk 1, DVD Bible lesson)

- for **Memory Verse**
- Have **Verse Card 1** ready.

- for **Character Story**
- Practice reading aloud
From Start to Finish (in Take-Home paper).

- for **Activity**
- See p. 38 for answer key to **Activity Book p. 2**.

- for **Dismissal**
- Have copies of *Trailblazing through God's Word* Take-Home paper, Week 1, ready to distribute to children.
*Visual available; see *Joyful Life* order form.

Sunday Outline

Arrival 10 min —
Offering • Attendance • Activity Book p. 1
Collect activity sheets before opening.

Teaching Tips

Just before class begins, have children finish papers and put away colored pencils.

Opening

Welcome / Songs 2–3 min

“Every Day with Jesus” p. 29 track #3

“Obedience” p. 100 track #12

New “Walking Down the Heavenly Road” p. 134 track #17

Prayer “Let’s bow our heads and close our eyes as I pray this morning.”
2 min (This week teacher prays.)

Bible Truth questions 1–3 (*new*). 2 min

Songs 2–3 min

“My Lord Knows the Way” p. 96 track #11

“J-O-Y” p. 83 track #8

To introduce a new song, sing it yourself or play the CD 2 times, with the children humming along the second time. Have the children sing with you, or the CD, a third and fourth time.

The Bible Truth questions are located on the inside back cover of this teacher guide. To teach a new Bible Truth, introduce it and then read the question and say the answer. Read the question again and have the class answer altogether.

Lesson

For classes that divide after Opening Assembly, start here. Add prayer time and Bible Truth from above.



Bible Lesson *God’s Chosen Leader* 12–15 min End lesson with prayer.

Memory Verse “Today we begin learning a new Bible verse. Listen as I read it to you.”
2 min (repeat 4 to 6x)
Romans 8:31 “**If God be for us, who can be against us?**” Romans 8:31

Songs 2–3 min

“I Don’t Have to Wait” p. 57 track #5

“Walking Down the Heavenly Road” p. 134 track #17

Read the reference, verse, and reference aloud from your Bible. Briefly explain any difficult words. Have the class repeat the verse with you at least three times, then two times again at the conclusion of class.

Character Story Read *From Start to Finish* (Take-Home paper) 5 min

Songs 2–3 min

“J-O-Y” p. 83 track #8

“I Don’t Have to Wait” p. 57 track #5

Activity Redistribute activity sheets. 8 min

Activity Book p. 2 7 min

Bible Truth Review 1 min

Dismissal Review the Bible verse. Encourage the children to obey their parents this week. Distribute Take-Home papers.