

Unit 21 at a Glance

Choose Your Character

Unit Overview

Good company builds good character. In this unit, the children will examine the character of several men and women as they consider what character they want to choose and build for themselves. The children will witness godly characters and be inspired to imitate them. They will also be warned to avoid ungodly character traits such as King Saul's disobedience and Martha's anxiety.

Unit Goals

- The children will learn that God cares about their character.
- The children will understand that they can choose to have a godly character.
- The children will believe that they can please God by the character they choose.

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Lesson 1 Jesus in the Temple

Scripture Memory Verse Luke 2:47

Everyone who heard [Jesus] was amazed at his understanding and his answers.

Even as a boy, Jesus had a godly character that was worthy of imitation. The children will recount the events surrounding young Jesus' trip to Jerusalem and his love for his Father's house. They will also consider and express things they love about church.

Lesson 2 Mary and Martha

Scripture Memory Verse Luke 10:42

"Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

"Guess who's coming to dinner?" The answer would change the lives of two sisters forever. As the children compare Mary's focus on Jesus with Martha's focus on everything else, they will think of ways to focus on Jesus this week.

Lesson 3 Saul and Samuel

Scripture Memory Verse Proverbs 17:20
(NIRV)

If your tongue tells lies, you will get into trouble.

The children will learn the details of how and why God rejected Saul as king. They will see Saul's disobedience and learn not to imitate him. They will also identify one reason to always tell the truth.

Lesson 4 David and Jonathan

Scripture Memory Verse 1 Samuel 20:17
(NIRV)

Jonathan loved David just as he loved himself.

David and Jonathan's friendship helped them prosper. The children will study these inspirational friends, as they identify one quality of this relationship that they can emulate. The children will also state that true friends help them do what is right.

Lesson 5 Tabitha (Dorcas)

Scripture Memory Verse Acts 9:36

There was a disciple named Tabitha who was always doing good and helping the poor.

Serving, putting others first, opening her arms to the poor—these are the traits of Tabitha, the noble seamstress. The children will retell her story and identify a practical way that they, too, can help others.

Lesson 6 Lydia

Scripture Memory Verse Acts 16:14

The Lord opened [Lydia's] heart to respond to Paul's message.

From high-powered to God-powered, Lydia was a worshiper of God who eagerly received the message and welcomed disciples into her life. The children will consider how they can grow in their understanding of God.

Lesson 7 Daniel

Scripture Memory Verse 1 Thessalonians 2:4

We are not trying to please men but God.

Daniel's character was formed early as he chose to forsake the King's rich food for the sake of his God. As the children retell Daniel's conviction to please God rather than men, they will identify one way that they can please God.

Lesson 8 Review

Scripture Memory Work Unit Review

In this final lesson, the children will highlight the people, places and events that focus on building a godly character. The children will conclude by choosing one of the godly characters from this unit that they want to imitate.





Dear Parent,

Good company builds good character. In this unit, the children will examine the character of several men and women as they consider what character they want to choose and build for themselves. The children will witness Jesus' early love for his Father's house, the remarkable friendship between David and Jonathan, the results of Tabitha's (a.k.a. Dorcas) selfless service, and the humble gratitude of a high-powered businesswoman named Lydia. The children will be inspired to cultivate godly characters. They will also be warned to avoid ungodly character traits such as King Saul's disobedience and Martha's anxiety.

On the reverse side of this page, you will find an outline and a description of the lessons that comprise this unit. Included with each lesson is a Scripture Memory Verse for you to review with your child at home.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways you can reinforce these lessons at home:

- Have a "Star Search" in which your family looks for godly character traits in the disciples around you. Talk about the godly qualities that you notice and how you think it pleases God. Encourage these people with your observations.
- Talk as a family about your collective family character. What strengths and weaknesses stand out? How can you work together as a family to develop a character that pleases God? Encourage your child with godly characteristics you see that are already developing in their life.
- Have a mini-series of family devotionals on several of the people highlighted in this unit. Help your child to lead one of them. Talk about why these men and women pleased God. Role-play their different stories and apply them to similar situations today. Talk about how each family member can imitate one of these godly characters today.
- Play "Choose Your Character" charades. Act out the different people from this unit in a family game of charades.
- Encourage your child about the ways that you have seen them grow in their faith and character during this year. Talk about what they considered to be highlights from this year and about what they look forward to in the upcoming year.

We look forward to being partners with you as together we help plant Seeds of Faith in the heart and mind of your child.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers

